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REDS CROSS THE YANGTSE

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT ON NAVAL ACTION

London, April 21.
The text of an Admiralty statement on naval action in China follows:
"HMS Amethyst reports that she is anchored in a satisfactory position and believes herself capable of 17 knots. It would be clearly undesirable for her to attempt to run the gauntlet of concentrated fire at the present moment.
"HMS London and Black Swan attempted earlier today to pass through the danger area in order to reach Amethyst, but met strong hostile fire and the Admiralty decided that continued advance could only be undertaken at the expense of considerable casualties.
"It is apparent that the 50 or 60 men who were landed yesterday from Amethyst on the South bank have reached the village of Changchow, and there is every reason to suppose they are safe and being cared for and will be sent by rail to Shanghai.
"HMS Belfast and Constance are now on passage to Shanghai in case their services may also be required in the area, and HMS Consort has arrived at Shanghai, having made the passage under emergency steering only.
"Every attempt is being made to establish communication with the hostile forces now lying between Amethyst, London and Black Swan to obtain an assurance of clear passage."
Associated Press.

British Warships Entitled To Be In The Yangtse

London, April 21.
A Foreign Office spokesman told a news conference today British warships are entitled to be in the Yangtse where Chinese shore batteries fired on them.
"Britain is entitled to send warships into China's inland waters, provided it has the consent of the Chinese Government—which it has," the spokesman said.

"It has that right in the same way that the Chinese Government has the right to send her warships up the River Thames with the permission of the British Government."

Asked whether Communist authorities—whose troops control the North bank of the Yangtse—had been informed that British ships were moving up the Yangtse, he replied:

"The Communists are well aware that our ships were proceeding up the river—something that they have been doing since last October."

The Liberal London newspaper "News Chronicle" said today Britons will ask why the British ships shelled by Communists on the Yangtse river yesterday were travelling "on the river" at this time.

The paper said Britons will want to know just how our ships came to get mixed up in a Communist offensive across the river—which is apparently what happened.

"Was it absolutely necessary for Amethyst to make her voyage to Nanking at just this time?"

The Conservative "Daily Graphic" said the vessels were in the Yangtse by right to protect British lives. It said it was glad British sailors returned the shore fire.

"The Admiralty should not get the idea that the British flag and all that it stands for can be safely insulted at will," the "Graphic" said.

The news of British ships have delivered a warning to Asia through its length and breadth.

The Communist "Daily Worker" asked why British forces were in China at all. It answered its own question—"to bring pressure on the corrupt servile Chinese

Government and to protect big business investments."

The "Worker" demanded that "all British military forces and naval craft be withdrawn from China now."—Associated Press.

No U.S. Navy Movement

Tokyo, April 21.
Vice Admiral R. S. Berkley, Commanding Naval Forces in the Far East, said no movement of naval forces to China waters from this area is contemplated on account of the outbreak of fighting along the Yangtse.

"Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger has sufficient forces in China waters to take care of American interests at this time," said Admiral Berkley, who has just returned from a tour of Far East Naval bases.

Both Northwest Air Lines and Pan American Airlines' Far Eastern Headquarters have said renewed gunfire along the Yangtse has not altered normal air traffic at Shanghai as yet.—Associated Press.

Princess Is 23 Years Old

London, April 21.
Princess Elizabeth is 23 years old today.

The heiress presumptive to the British throne celebrates by luncheon at Buckingham Palace with the Prime Minister and the British Dominions she may one day rule. They are in London for a Commonwealth conference.

The Princess is spending the afternoon with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, answering letters of congratulation.

There are no special public observances, but flags are flying on all public buildings.

Princess Elizabeth's infant son, Prince Charles, was left at her country home for the day.—Associated Press.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE

Santiago, Chile, April 21.
The earthquake, which rocked South-Central Chile on Tuesday night killed 37 persons and injured 150.
The Ministry of Interior said 45 of those killed were prisoners in the jails at Valparaiso and Arica. These two towns, about 550 miles South of here, were the centres of the quake.—Associated Press.

Four British Warships Shelled By Communists GOVT ARMY TO RESIST

NANKING, APRIL 21.
COMMUNIST FORCES TODAY STORMED ACROSS THE YANGTSE 80 MILES SOUTH WEST OF NANKING AND MEANTIME OPENED A GENERAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST NATIONALIST NORTH BANK BRIDGEHEADS AS THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN COMPLETELY.

A Ministry of National Defence spokesman said that the Communists have crossed the Yangtse at Tikong, 80 miles South of here. He said the assault made was of unknown strength.

One report from foreign military quarters said that 30,000 Communists have reached the South bank. But there was as yet no official denial or confirmation.

Earlier, a top-ranking general in the Ministry of Nationalist Defence said that a number of crossings have been made in the general Wuhu region. Telephone contact made with civilians in Wuhu disclosed that no news of landings in that region have reached the population as yet.

General Tang En-po, Commander of the Nanking-Shanghai Garrison, has gone to Wuhu to direct the Nationalist defence of the South bank of the Yangtse.

Government troops were counter-attacking the Reds on the South side of the river. Nationalist planes and gunboats were rushing to the assistance of the Nationalist defenders. The Government was believed to have no more than 40 planes to throw into the fight.

Other crossings of the river were reported at Wuhu, 60 miles South West of Nanking. One foreign military report said 30,000 Reds were over the river. This has not been confirmed.

Reds' Order Of The Day

In a joint communique broadcast this afternoon by the Communist radio, Mao Tse-tung and Commander-in-Chief Chu Teh ordered the Red armies to "advance and liberate all of China." The order was addressed to both the Communist regulars and Red guerrillas operating in South China.

The order of the day told the Red armies to sweep forward in an offensive that will protect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and instructed them to seize the war criminals, particularly Chiang Kai-shek.

The announcement by the Communist chiefs left some room for negotiation on the basis of the Red surrender terms.

It stipulated that if any local region is willing to make peace on the basis of the proposed Communist agreement, then such a settlement

also said that if the Government is still in Nanking when the Red forces surround the capital, then Nationalist leaders will be given another opportunity to sign the agreement.

The communique said the order was issued because the Nanking Government had rejected the agreement formulated in Peiping. The agreement was said to embody generous treatment of the war criminals, Nationalist army forces and Government officials.

The announcement charged that the Government had not been accepted because the Nanking Government still "obeys the American imperialists and the Kuomintang chiefs." Chiang Kai-shek, in their effort to prevent the liberation of the Chinese people and the settlement of domestic problems by peaceful means.

Government Reply

Meanwhile, the Government Information Office released the full text of the reply made yesterday to the Communist through the Government delegation in Peiping. The release was made as all branches of the Government remaining in Nanking made preparations to evacuate their personnel to Canton.

The Government reply to the Communist described the Communist proposed agreement as "tantamount to the disposal of the conquered by the conqueror. What is intended to be a peaceful settlement of a domestic dispute is no less in its severity than the surrendering of a nation to a foreign power."

The Government stated that even if it should sign the agreement, its "narrow-minded attitude and oppressive spirit

would be unacceptable to both the Nationalist Army and the people. The reply charged that the entire proposed agreement "smacks of Communist military control of the entire nation."

Rejection Confirmed

Nanking, April 21.
The Nationalist Government today officially confirmed that the Communists have rejected their counter-proposals for peace.—Reuter.

Terms Unacceptable

The statement expressed belief that the Government, which has made every effort to achieve an equitable peace settlement, could not accept the agreement, because instead of a lasting peace, it would lead to further bloodshed as the people and Nationalist Army rebelled against its terms. The Government pointed out that the agreement in effect provides for "total elimination of the Nationalist Army" through amalgamation into the Communist forces and politically to place the Government only at the beck and call of the Communist military headquarters.

In concluding, the Government statement asked the Communists to change the motivating spirit to the agreement out of respect for the people's interests. The Communists were asked to join the Government in the early conclusion of a cease-fire agreement.

The reply was signed by Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin.

Later today, the Minister of National Defence in Nanking is expected to issue a proclamation to all Nationalist forces holding positions along the 1,000-mile Yangtse South bank to defend themselves against any Communist attacks.

Unconfirmed rumors here say that Acting President Li Tsung-jen will fly to Hangchow this evening to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek regarding preparations to resist the expected crossing of the Yangtse river.

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Government officials were making preparation to evacuate their front points all along the threatened Yangtse River line.

Here in Nanking, Acting President Li Tsung-jen ordered the Ministry of Communications to prepare for the evacuation of Government officials.

Chinese Press dispatches reported that the seat of the Kiangsu Provincial Government is being moved from Chinkiang, 35 miles North East of Nanking, further South to Soochow, midway between Shanghai and Nanking on the railroad.

Non-essential Government personnel have already been evacuated South from Hankow. One unconfirmed report said that General Pai Chung-hsi's Central China Command was preparing to remove its headquarters South to Changsha, capital of Hunan.

The United States began to evacuate the threatened Nationalist Capital. Thirty-eight of the Embassy's 44 Marine guards were suddenly evacuated to Shanghai by plane today, leaving only six to guard the Embassy on the inside.

Reliable reports said the Embassy shortly would issue another advice to American nationals in Nanking to evacuate immediately by any available commercial transportation.

Kuomintang Committee

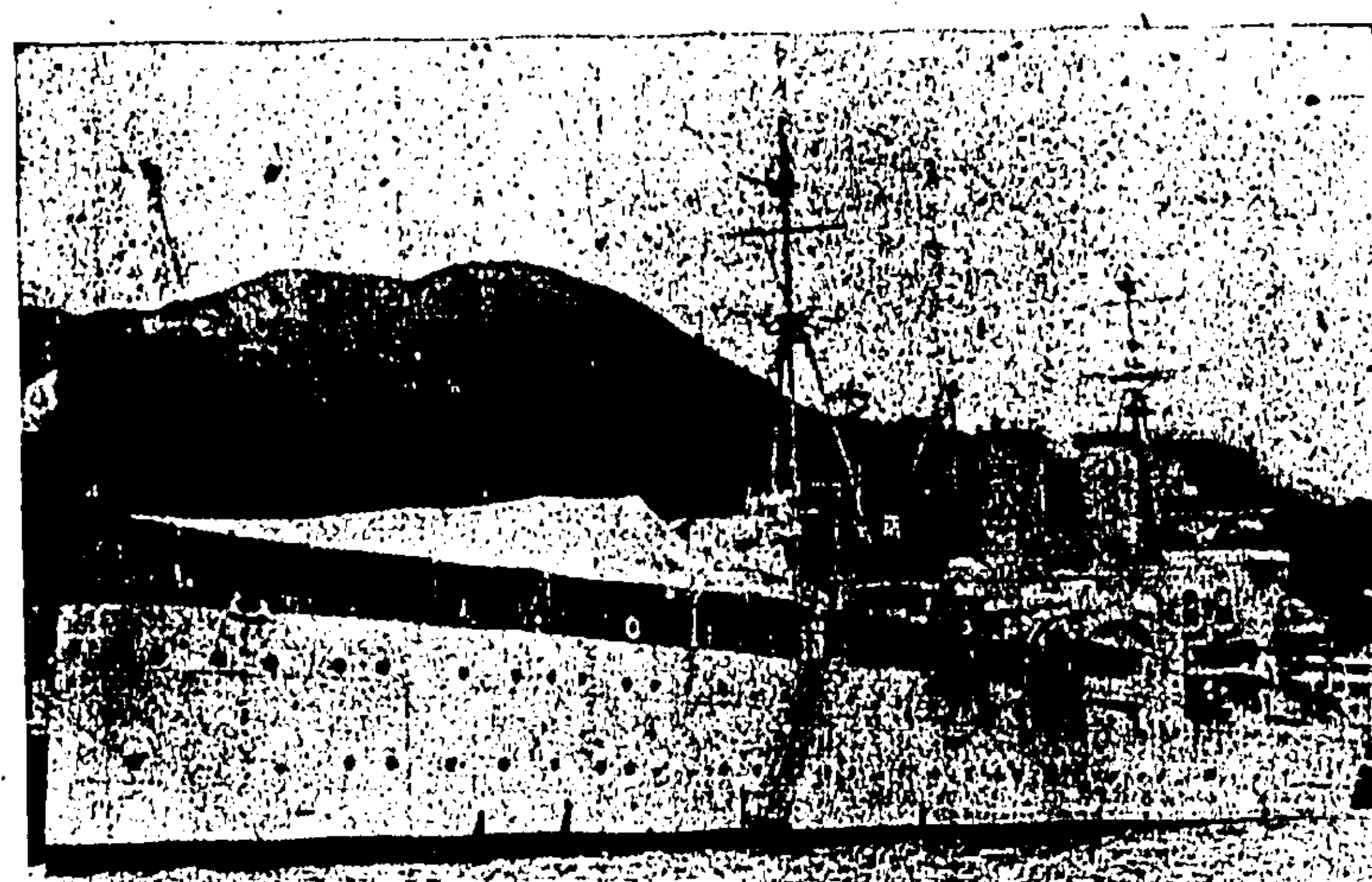
In Canton the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee prepared to elect a Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek back to resume the leadership of the Nationalist Army today as the Nationalist Government dug in for last-ditch resistance against the Communist drive Southward.

A tense atmosphere pervaded the city as Deputy Premier Wu Te-cheng arrived from Nanking and immediately plunged into a series of conferences with Kuomintang and other Government officials who have remained in Canton since the previous Government influx in January.

The CEC has ordered a large number of posters and handbills proclaiming the "people's desire that Chiang return to lead the nation in an all-out fight, while committee member Ku Chiang-jing was set to fly to Chikow today to talk with Chiang personally.

It is still uncertain whether Chiang would accept the leadership from which he voluntarily stepped down early in January, although a Kuomintang source here seemed confident he would. They said Chiang has remained silent heretofore in order not to prejudice the peace negotiations, but the talks due to Communists' intransigence has proved the contrary for his return with the full support of the Chinese people.—Associated Press and Reuter.

HMS London Fired On



SUNDERLAND AIRCRAFT CONTACTS AMETHYST

Royal Naval authorities here announced late last night that the Sunderland aircraft, which left Hong Kong yesterday morning, successfully landed on the Yangtse at 5:20 p.m. local time and transferred medical requirements to Amethyst. Details of casualties in Amethyst were still not available. Unconfirmed reports reaching Hong Kong from Shanghai stated that the Sunderland was fired on while in the vicinity of the ship but succeeded in returning to Shanghai.

HMS London, Consort, Black Swan Also Hit

Shanghai, April 21.
The British cruiser London and the sloop Black Swan steamed for Shanghai late today after engaging Communist shore guns below Nanking on the Yangtse River.

Fifty casualties were reported aboard the two vessels, the third and fourth British naval craft to be hit in the renewed Chinese civil war.

Behind them they left the crippled sloop Amethyst which they had sought to aid. Amethyst had 17 dead and 30 to 40 wounded aboard, survivors who reached here said late today. Among Amethyst's wounded was her captain.

In port here undergoing repairs for damage caused by yesterday's battle is the destroyer Consort, which discharged 16 wounded and 10 dead.

The 10,000-ton London, fourth British naval vessel to be hit in two days of fighting between British naval forces and the Reds, had gone to the aid of the shell-damaged sloop Amethyst.

London's eight-inch guns went into action after at least 27 Britons had been reported killed in the running action with the shore batteries.

Other ships hit by the Red shell fire in the battle six miles North East of Nanking, are the sloop Black Swan and the destroyers Consort. More British naval forces were reported to give support from Hong Kong the destroyer Constance was reported steaming to the river.

A Nanking British Embassy spokesman said neither London nor the sloop Black Swan had been able to reach the crippled Amethyst.

The Shanghai British Naval Office, announced both London and Black Swan had given up efforts to reach Amethyst and had retired to Kiangyin, Chinese Navy port downriver from the scene of the action.

Aboard London was Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, second in command of the British Far Eastern station.

The official announcement said that 17 of the Amethyst personnel were killed, eight seriously injured and 15 slightly injured, a total casualty list of 40.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, April 21.
An unofficial but reliable source tonight stated that HMS London suffered 5 dead and 17 wounded and Black Swan, one dead and the number of wounded is unavailable.

London has 12 holes on the port side and is well-spattered by machine gun bullets.

London's Chinese pilot was among those killed. These figures bring the present casualties in the four ships to 43 killed and 52 injured.—Reuter-AAP.

Nanking, April 21.
A party of four, including two doctors, succeeded in reaching the Amethyst to render first aid to the injured members of the crew, according to messages from Takung, 50 miles East of Nanking.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m. the party of four boarded the vessel. The party is believed to comprise the Military attaché from the British Embassy in Nanking, Lieutenant-Colonel R. V. Dewar-Durles, the Assistant British Naval Attaché, Lieutenant-Commander J. S. Kerans, United States Surgeon, Lieutenant-Commander J. W. Packard from Nanking and another doctor whose name is unknown.

About the same time as the party boarded the Amethyst, Edward Youde, first secretary of the British Embassy in Nanking, crossed the Yangtse to Pukow to begin his trek Northward to the Red lines to contact the Red headquarters on the North bank.

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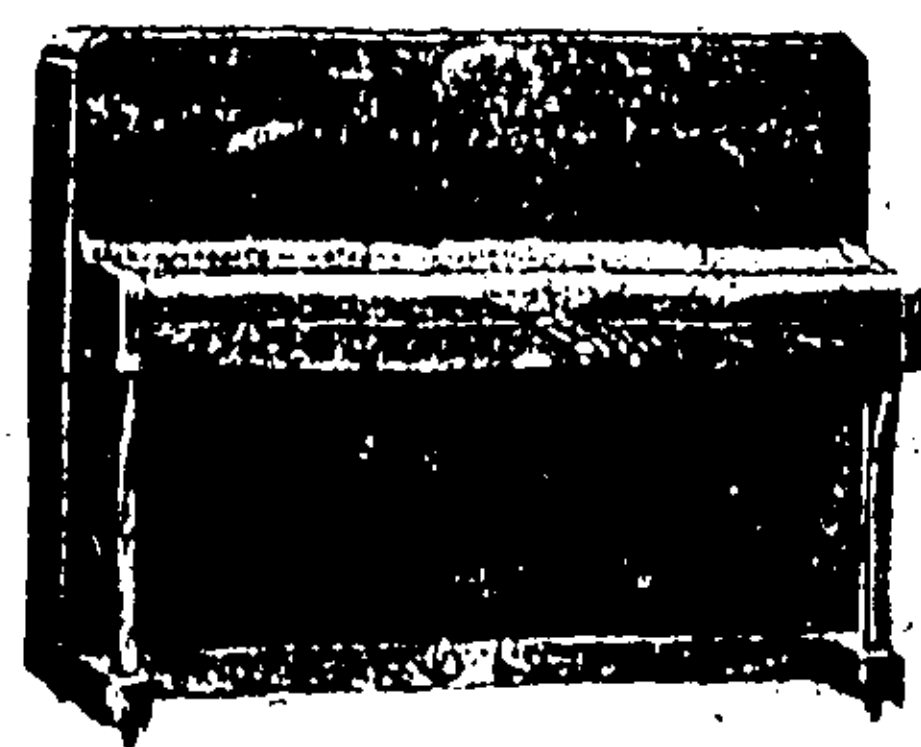
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Phone Co. Wins First Round

The Hong Kong Telephone Company Limited yesterday won the first round of its contest with Government in its bid for an increase in subscription rates.

After a whole day legal tussle on Wednesday between Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., counsel for the Company, and Mr. A. Lansdale, Crown Counsel, for the Government, before the Arbitration Board on a legal point connected with the Telephone Ordinance, a decision was given yesterday morning in favour of the Telephone Company.

The point put to the Board for determination was "do the words 'existing charges' in the second paragraph of section 40 of the Telephone Ordinance 1925 include all the rates, annual rates and charges set forth in the schedule to that ordinance, or which are for the time being in force? If not, which of them, if any, are excluded?"

It was the contention of the Company that existing charges for subscriptions cover only subscriptions payable by a subscriber on installation of a telephone and on its maintenance as an efficient and continuous service, and include no other charge.

The Government's contention was that subscriptions cover not only such subscription charges but also all other charges specified in the schedule to the ordinance under heads A, B and C.

The decision of the arbitrators, announced yesterday morning, was as follows:

Unambiguous

"We are of the opinion that what may have been the object in view at the time of the enactment of the Telephone (Amendment) Ordinance No. 11 of 1930 and other relevant amending ordinances, the words 'then existing charges for subscriptions' in the first and second lines of the second paragraph of section 40 of the principal ordinance (in its present form) are unambiguous and refer to the rates of subscription set out in section A of the schedule to the ordinance (in its present form) and include no other charges."

The result of this decision is that the arbitrators can next proceed to taking evidence on the two questions put to them for determination, namely:—
"Are the now existing charges for subscriptions insufficient to make provision for the maintenance of an efficient service and for the payment for the time being of a dividend of eight per cent a year on the paid-up capital for the time being of the Company; and

"In the event of the answer of the Company's question, 'being yes', to what sum or sums should the said rates of subscription be increased to be, in the opinion of the arbitrators, adequate to provide for an efficient service and a dividend of eight per cent a year on the paid-up capital for the time being of the Company."

Existing Charge

The Company's contention is that the existing charges for subscriptions are insufficient, on the basis of their argument that subscription charges cover subscriptions and nothing else, and the point as to what subscription charges having been established, it only remains what increases are to be permitted, if it is proved that the income from subscription charges is in fact insufficient.

Government, however, are pressing for a full investigation of the Company's accounts; and after the decision was announced yesterday, Mr. Lansdale renewed his application, stating that it was necessary to have information independently.

It was revealed that the Accountant General was already in the Company's office taking extracts of the accounts.

Further hearing was accordingly adjourned to a date to be fixed later.

The Board of Arbitrators is composed of Mr. John McNeill, barrister-at-law, appointed by the Telephone Company, and Mr. P.D.A. Chiddell, Inland Revenue Department, appointed by the Government.

The Telephone Company was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., assisted by Mr. H.G. Shepherd K.C. and Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. R.A. Wadson of Deacons.

Mr. L.R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, and Mr. A. Lansdale, Crown Counsel, represented the Government.

REFORM CLUB'S K'LOON BRANCH

The inauguration of the Kowloon branch of the Reform Club was marked by a dinner in the Peninsula Hotel last night.

A number of the participants were called on by Colonel Brasier, who acted as Table Topics Master, to give two minute speeches all stressing the need for an improvement in the Colony's cultural life.

After dinner, speeches were made by Colonel Brasier, Crengh, Mrs. E.L. Dekker, Mr. Ma Man-lai, Mr. G.S. Kennedy, Mr. F.E. Dalmada Remedios, Mr. H. Gray, and Mr. R. Elias.

A concluding speech was made by Mr. F.E. Skinner and details of their next meeting to be held next Thursday at the Kowloon Cricket Club were given. He strongly urged the public to give the Reform Club their support.

China's New Foreign Minister?



Dr. Foo Ping-chang, (third from left), who has been offered the post of Chinese Foreign Minister, arrived here yesterday on his way to Nanking. He was met by his wife, his brother, Mr. Foo Ping Kwan and a large group of officials and friends.

China's Relations With USSR Told

Sino-Russian relations have improved in recent months, Dr. Foo Ping-chang, Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, told the Press on his arrival here yesterday.

While Russian newspapers freely criticize both British and American policies and actions, they refrain from any criticism to China. In fact, according to Dr. Foo, they rarely even mention the Chinese civil war.

Dr. Foo, who has been offered the post of Foreign Minister in the Chinese Government, said that he had not yet decided whether he would accept the offer. He said that he had been called to Nanking by Premier Ho Ying-chin to discuss certain matters.

Dr. Foo expected to proceed to Canton yesterday evening. After a day there, he will emplane for Nanking.

Asked whether the Russians were helping the Chinese Communists in the civil war, the ambassador replied that if they were doing so, they certainly would not tell him.

He said that he had seen British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin at Southampton on April 15.

Dr. Foo came from Europe by a BOAC flying-boat. On his arrival at Kai Tak he was met by his wife, his brother, Mr. Foo Ping-kwan and a number of Chinese officials, including Mr. T.W. Kwok, Chinese Special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable S.N. Chau of the Legislative Council and Captain A.F.P. Wilson, the Governor's Aide. Many friends and acquaintances were also on hand to greet him.

Dr. Foo entered the diplomatic service in 1918, after graduating from the Hong Kong University. He went to Moscow in 1943. Before that he was vice-minister of Foreign Affairs in the Chinese Government.

Reminders

Today

Musical Concert, USRC, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m.
Women's Section of European YMCA, "Bring your own work" Morning, 10 a.m.
Services Dance, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Concert in aid of St. Andrew's Church new Organ Fund, Diocesan Girls' School, 8.30 p.m.
Talk on "The Yellow Bell" by Prof. Chao Mei-pa, Cosmo Club, sponsored by the Sino-British Club, 5.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, District Office, Kowloon Magistracy, 11 a.m.
Garrison Players present "Ten Little Niggers" at Missions to Seamen Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Northumberland and Durham Association Dinner Dance, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Scottish Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
League soccer matches
SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Yee H. Club, Talbot House, 30, Macdonnell Road, 3.30 p.m.
Talk on "The Hattie Pharoah" by Miss M. J. Stuart, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club Sketching Party, members to assemble at the Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Y's Man's Club picnic, at Castle Peak, assemble at Jordan Road, Ferry Pier, 10.30 a.m.
Recital of Recorded Music, at St. Andrew's Church, 9.30 p.m.

Further About News Dispute

Letters in connection with the alleged discrimination in the dissemination of news regarding the Singapore Army were sent yesterday to the Government Press Relations Officer, the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Area Sports Board, the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Football Association and the Hon. Mr. A. Morse, President of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The letters were signed by the Kung Shueing Daily News, the Wah Yat Po, Wen Wei Po, Tai Kung Pao, New Life Evening News, Kung Shueing Evening News, Wah Kiu Evening News, Sao Tang Pao, Tai Fong Daily News, Chung Ying Evening News and Sing Pao Daily News.

CHARGED AT KOWLOON

Carlos Henrique Chaves, broker, aged 60, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with obtaining money from two tailors by false pretences. The prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector T. Kavanagh, alleged that defendant on two occasions obtained from Kwong Kam-cheung, \$180, and \$280 and from Ng Yuk, \$190. Defendant, charged by J.P. Grima, pleaded not guilty and the case was remitted to May 8/49.

GOLD BAN CONSIDERED ONE STEP TOO FAR

The Government ban on possession of gold is certainly going one step too far whatever one may hold as regards the ban on buying and selling, comments the weekly "Far Eastern Economic Review" in its current issue.

The journal added that the reasons given by Government in its explanatory note, as regards the local gold market having had the effect on establishing new exchange rates, are fallacious.

Prohibition of gold possession and of the publication of information on gold dealings has been decreed without the public or the officially appointed Council members ever having been given a chance to voice opinions, said the "Review."

Step by step, added the weekly publication, the Imperial authorities have turned Hong Kong into a rigid system which may have its merits in a country like Britain but causes only harm to a free port like Hong Kong.

An Entrepot

The Colony, said the "Review," is an entrepot and can only survive as such—in any other form it loses its raison d'être.

The "Review" added that with and without a local gold market's operations the premium paid for U.S. dollars, the world over, will continue.

There are everywhere quoted two exchange rates, a fact which the International Monetary Fund knows, investigates and, from time to time, publishes in order to impress on its members that a currency devaluation is about overdue, meaning that in terms of U.S. dollars, gold such currencies would be pegged on a lower level.

While especially spokesmen of the U.S. Government are at times emphatic about the need of other countries' currency devaluation, the IMF has the nerve to request that the gold standard be higher than the artificial parity be banned. Fiat voluntas tua, I.M.F., and if the people lose their shirts!

The effects of the gold ban here must be viewed from a political and psychological angle. The Colony's population is more than 60 per cent Chinese and their ideas about the intrinsic value of gold and silver cannot be altered by a decree.

"Chiang Kai-shek has tried it last August, but today there are false gold markets, legally operating all over China and the importation of gold is free, and will be, as from the current week, even no longer subject to duty payment."

To order the Chinese here to cease buying, selling and possessing gold is regarded by the people as a serious and unwarranted interference by the authorities in their private lives. The psychological harm thus done cannot easily be undone and much of the slowly built up good will may undergo a change for the worse.

Going Too Far

"Whenever in the past there was some discussion about the possible introduction of a ban on gold trading—and there were many rumours circulating at the gold exchanges and in financial circles—the old residents refused to believe in the seriousness of such proposals, especially now when free gold business is legalised in more and more countries, numbers and non-members of the IMF."

The ban on the possession of gold is certainly going one step too far whatever one may hold as regards the ban on buying and selling.

CARRYING BODY OF DEAD INFANT

Strolling along Belcher Street in a suspicious manner at about 8 p.m. last night, a man with a package containing the body of a new-born boy was intercepted by a policeman.

When questioned, the man stated that his wife gave birth to twins, one girl and one boy, in the afternoon. The body he carried was that of the boy who died shortly after birth.

The man was detained for investigation.

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India Wants U.S. Military Equipment

India is interested in American military methods and equipment and may make purchases there within the next few months, said Air Vice-Marshal S. Mukerjee of the Royal Indian Air Force.

Air Vice-Marshal Mukerjee, who passed through Hong Kong yesterday on his way from Delhi to Washington, told the Press that he was a member of an Indian Defence Ministry delegation which is to tour American military bases, inspect equipment and make recommendations to the Indian Government.

The other members of the delegation went by way of England, but will arrive in the United States at approximately the same time as the Air Vice-Marshal.

Air Vice-Marshal Mukerjee last visited the United States in 1946 on a special mission. He left Hong Kong yesterday afternoon by a Pan-American plane for America going by way of Manila and San Francisco.

EIGHT CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

Magisterial proceedings in the Diamond Hill Store armed robbery of March 24 at Kowloon City, began yesterday when eight men were brought before Mr. Blair-Kerr.

They all faced respective charges of possession of arms, robbery, wounding with offensive weapons and receiving stolen property.

Defendants were Tse Tim-yun, aged 25, in Chin, aged 25, Cheung Kwai, aged 27, Law Choi, aged 30, Chung Sum, aged 25, Wong Yuk-tun, aged 41, Ho Kwai-cheung, aged 23, and Chung Yee, aged 33.

The seventh defendant, Ho Kwai, Cheung, was previously committed to stand trial on a charge of attempted murder of a young girl weaver, Chu San-ying, the hearing of which started on Wednesday.

Principal prosecution witness called by Detective Sub-Inspector D.H. Taylor, Kowloon City, conducting the case for the Police, was Sin Kung, the proprietor of the Diamond Hill Store.

Witness stated that he and his brother were closing the store for the night when two men entered. Thinking they were customers, they approached to attend. The men caught hold of them and forced them into the kitchen warning them to be quiet.

Witness then saw, he stated, many other persons in the shop and realising what was happening shouted. Whereupon several shots were fired, with witness and his wife sustaining wounds.

The men then ran out of the shop which witness discovered had been robbed of cigarettes, money, etc.

DRIVING IN CLOSED ROAD

Mrs. K. M. Woodman was fined five dollars by the Justice of Peace court at Central yesterday for driving a car in a closed road.

On April 14, she was seen driving a car in Jubilee Street near Connaught Road, Central. She pleaded that she did not do it on purpose.

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Car Owners Urged To Join HKAA

The working and objects of the Hong Kong Automobile Association were explained yesterday by Mr. V. E. Ferrier, Hon. Secretary of the Association, who made a strong appeal to all car owners in the Colony to become members. Mr. Ferrier was speaking at the weekly luncheon of the Kowloon Rotary Club at the Peninsula Hotel.

The prime object of the Association, the speaker said, was to associate all persons in the Colony owning motor vehicles in one general and recognised group, and to give information, assistance and advice to members and to all proper authorities and to take steps to advance or protect the interests of motorists in the Colony.

Mr. Ferrier traced briefly the history of the Association, stating that it was founded in 1910 when the David Landale became its first president.

The Association was reorganised 13 months ago with some 170 members, Mr. Ferrier said, and although the membership roll now numbers 900 it is still short of the 2,000 member target set by the Association.

Expenses Increase
"Our expenses have increased enormously and to cover just the services which we are rendering at present to our members, takes the subscription of at least 1,250 members at \$2 a month. We need a membership of 2,000 to support us financially if we are to put into effect our programme of increased services to members."

Mr. Ferrier, speaking of the Association's affiliation with the Royal Automobile Club and its associated bodies all over the world, stated that members could avail themselves of all details of motor-travel should they wish to

make, for instance, a motor trip from Bucharest to Budapest or Milwaukee to Mexico City.

He cited the example of the motor trip he made from Albany at the South West tip of Australia to Brisbane on the East Coast which covered a distance of some 5,500 miles. All the way he was assisted by various branches of the Royal Automobile Club of Australia, free of charge simply because he was a member of the UKAA.

Mr. Ferrier then spoke of the activities of the local Association. Four inspectors are employed to supervise the principal car parks in the Colony. There is also a patrol car of the Association which makes trips around the island and the New Territories on week-ends and holidays. Public or private functions are also catered to by the Association where such functions expect a conglomeration of motor vehicles.

The Association also provides a chauffeur service. Mr. Ferrier said, at the cost of \$10 a full day, and provides retrieval of cars, say, from the central district across the harbour to some suitable parking lot, for a charge of \$3.

Further Services
"Further services which the Committee have under consideration at present and which they hope to introduce when funds permit, that is when our membership has sufficiently increased, include:

"Free 'Get-you-Home' service: If you break down anywhere in the Colony the Hong Kong Automobile Association will send a break down car for you to tow you in to your repairer, or, if possible, to fix your car up on the spot."
"Free phone service in all the outlying districts such as Aberdeen, Repulse Bay, Stanley, Shek O, Pokfulam, Shaukiwan, etc. on the island, and at the various villages on the New Territories roads, so that members in case of a breakdown or other emergency will be able to go to a definite Hong Kong Automobile Association telephone at such a point and contact their repairer in town."

"We are in constant consultation with the automobile trade representatives and we hope soon to be able to announce a definite schedule of discounts for certain services, parts and accessories."

"Free legal advice in certain cases that are beneficial to the general body of motorists is also under consideration."

"We are also hoping very shortly to acquire the use of another patrol car so that at the week-ends and holidays, both the island and the New Territories may be patrolled at the same time. We hope to have this within a month, in time for the swimming season."

Personalalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Campos, Mrs. S. Watt, Mr. S. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. MacLachlan, Mrs. H. L. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Woodfill, Messrs. P. James, B. P. Hinner, G. Sellers, A. Gereik, H. J. Mountney, N. Jones, C. Blondi, D. F. Anderson, Captain J. G. MacFarlane, Lieutenant D. T. McEggar, Lieutenant H. I. Pemberton, Lieutenant R. S. Brooks, and Mr. N. V. Wicklund.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mrs. R. Kristensen, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pattison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Corra, Messrs. N. Vitenson, S. E. Cho, K. P. Tsao, K. Lai, P. C. Chow, C. J. Chen, C. P. Shen, C. K. Ling, C. C. Tu, T. Dison, J. S. Johnston, R. Berry, T. C. H. Chao, S. F. Kiang, D. Christopher, J. H. Ferguson, A. R. Pratt, E. G. Way, R. Yap, and D. C. Yeung.

Mrs. Minna White arrived yesterday by a Pan-American plane from San Francisco.

She was met at the airport by her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Chase, Mr. Chase and their daughter, Judy.

Mrs. White expects to spend two months visiting her daughter in Hong Kong, before returning to San Francisco.

General Huang Shao-hsiung, one of the Nationalist delegates to the peace conference at Peking, arrived here yesterday from Canton.

Among the passengers who left for Manila yesterday by CPA were Messrs. Lee Ping-shin, Jose Po, Lin Lau, and Paterno Vilareal.

Cobbler Nabbed For 11th Time

The story of a man who had been arrested 11 times since January for plying his trade as a cobbler was told at Central yesterday when Si Tiao-sun, aged 27, was charged before Mr. d'Almeida with hawking without a licence and causing an obstruction.

Arrested on Wednesday in Peel Street, he pleaded that he was at the end of his tether. He had a family of three to support. He had tried getting a licence to ply his trade, but had been unsuccessful.

"If people no longer wear shoes and if Hong Kong is no longer in need of cobblers, please send me and my family back to the country," begged defendant.

"You are a cobbler by trade, why don't you get a job with a shoe-making shop?" asked Mr. d'Almeida.

Defendant said he had tried but failed.

He was fined HK\$15 or 10 days.

PARKING AT WRONG PLACE

Renner Inge was cautioned by the Justices of the Peace court at Central yesterday for leaving her car unattended at Ice House Street near Chater Road on February 11.

Defendant pleaded that she was not aware that it was not a parking space.

For their part in an armed robbery in which a hand-grenade, a revolver and dagger were used to intimidate the victims, two youths were yesterday given seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes by Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions.

The jury of four men and three women returned a verdict of six to one on Sze Kai, newspaper hawk, aged 21, without retiring to deliberate.

The other youth, Li Kai-sui, carpenter, aged 23, who had pleaded guilty, was sentenced together with his companion.

Both men were not legally represented. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution assisted by Mr. A. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Sze, the accused, denied the allegation against him from the witness box. He claimed he was beaten by the police to extract a confession from him.

Conducting the prosecution, Crown Counsel told the Court that on the evening of December 2 last, accused and three others entered the premises at the second floor of 23 Po Tak Street, Salyingpoon. One of the men carried a hand-grenade while another had a revolver. A third carried a dagger, and the fourth, the accused, carried some wire.

Using these implements, Mr. Hooton continued, the robbers herded the occupants of the house, about 10 in number, into a cubicle, where they were gagged and tied with the wire.

The next day, he went on, the police, having been informed of the robbery, searched buses going to the New Territories at the junction of Tai Po Road and arrested a man later identified as the one who had carried the dagger at the robbery. This man was Li, one of the two. As a result of what Li told the police, Sze Kai was later arrested at Shatin.

Li was arrested carrying some of the articles from the robbery, the Court said. The two men were apparently trying to get away from British territory into China.

The two were later identified at an identification parade by several of the occupants of the premises in question, he said.

Corroborative evidence was given by some of the occupants.

Chinese Guard Of Honour



Thirty Chinese other ranks formed a Guard-of-Honour for Major-General C. M. Smith, CB, CBE, MC, MI MECH, G, Director of Supplies and Transport, War Office, London, at Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon, yesterday.

It was the first time in the history of the Colony that a Guard-of-Honour has been made up of Chinese other ranks.

Yesterday's Guard was under the command of Captain M. F. Turner-Cooke.

Major-General Smith is here on an inspection of the RASC units in the Far East. He will leave shortly for inspections at Singapore and other parts of Malaya.

"Ten Little Niggers" Presented Here

(By "FIRST-NIGHTER")

It is not often that a local amateur theatrical group is able to pick up an interesting script, cast it well, and play it before the lights as it should be played.

Similarly it is not too often that Hong Kong's playgoers who are among the very best have a chance of seeing all this wrapped up in one production.

Agatha Christie's spine-chilling thriller, "Ten Little Niggers" is it. And the show a Garrison Players' production by Eric Surier is now current at the Missions to Seamen Theatre.

The Garrison Players' made their debut here early in the year with "Arsenic and Old Lace" that had the town talking; not that they possess any exceptional talents that other groups don't have, but that they are able to put their fingers on something that is entertaining. That seems to be what the public wants. And that seems to be the reason of their success despite the fact that the group is comparatively new on the local platform.

From the opening curtain, "Ten Little Niggers" tells you what all the show is about. It tells you why 10 people in the show are going to die.

Each of them, as the play opens, nurses some heavy guilt in his conscience which he buries under a mantle of external unconcern. Justice, however, refuses to be cheated. In the play it comes to Nigger Island, where 10 of these poor sinners meet to claim its dues. And it comes in a strange guise, containing 10 little verses of fateful prophecy. Therein lies your thrill and suspense.

HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Hild, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, follow:—
Depot Staff: The GOC has very kindly lent Major K. Wilson, 1 Buffs, to the Force to assist in organising and running the Depot. Major Wilson will take over these duties w.e.f. April 25.

X-Ray Examination: Personnel who have been called forward to undergo this examination and who, for one reason or another, have been unable to attend at the stated time are requested to get in touch with the Senior Staff Officer in order that another appointment may be arranged.

Attention: Attention for personnel who have successfully passed the X-ray and medical examination will commence Monday, April 25. The date and time will be notified to individuals by letter separately.

(Sd.) H. G. PUGH, Major, Senior Staff Officer, HKDF.
Musical Concert: A concert will be held at the United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, at 8.30 p.m., Friday, April 22. The programme will consist of music played by a string quartet, songs sung by Joan Turville, piano solo played by Louie Gurevitch and clarinet solos by Mr. Wood.

JUVENILE CARE CENTRE TEA

The Juvenile Care Centre gave a tea in honour of the numerous industrial and commercial establishments in appreciation for their support, at the China Emporium yesterday. Mr. Chow Hau-leung and the Right Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall presided.

Bishop Hall, president of the Centre, thanked the various organisations for their generous donations, and their interest in the activities of the Centre. The donations received last year totalled \$6,800.

The object of the Centre, Bishop Hall said, is to help young boys who have got into trouble with the Police. These boys are not criminals, but they were merely trying to make a living.

The Centre posts welfare officers in the Hong Kong Magistracy as well as the Kowloon Magistracy to interview these boys. During 1948 more than 1,000 boys and girls were thus interviewed. The president also thanked Mr. Thomas Tam for his co-operation in allowing the boys to be interviewed by members of the Centre.

Among those present were: Messrs. Chung King-pui, Wong Chi-po, P. C. Woo, George She, Ng Wah, Mrs. Ng Quim, and many others.

DUTCH WAR DAMAGE BILL

The British Government accepts no responsibility in the matter of the application of the Netherlands War Damage legislation to the property in that country of British subjects and legal persons resident in the United Kingdom, it was officially stated yesterday.

The announcement of the application was published in the Board of Trade Journal in November 1947.

NEW BUTTER RATION CARDS

To clear up some apprehension as regards the necessity of producing passports when applying for the new butter ration cards, an official spokesman said yesterday that those who do not have passports should produce their old butter ration cards in exchange for new ones.

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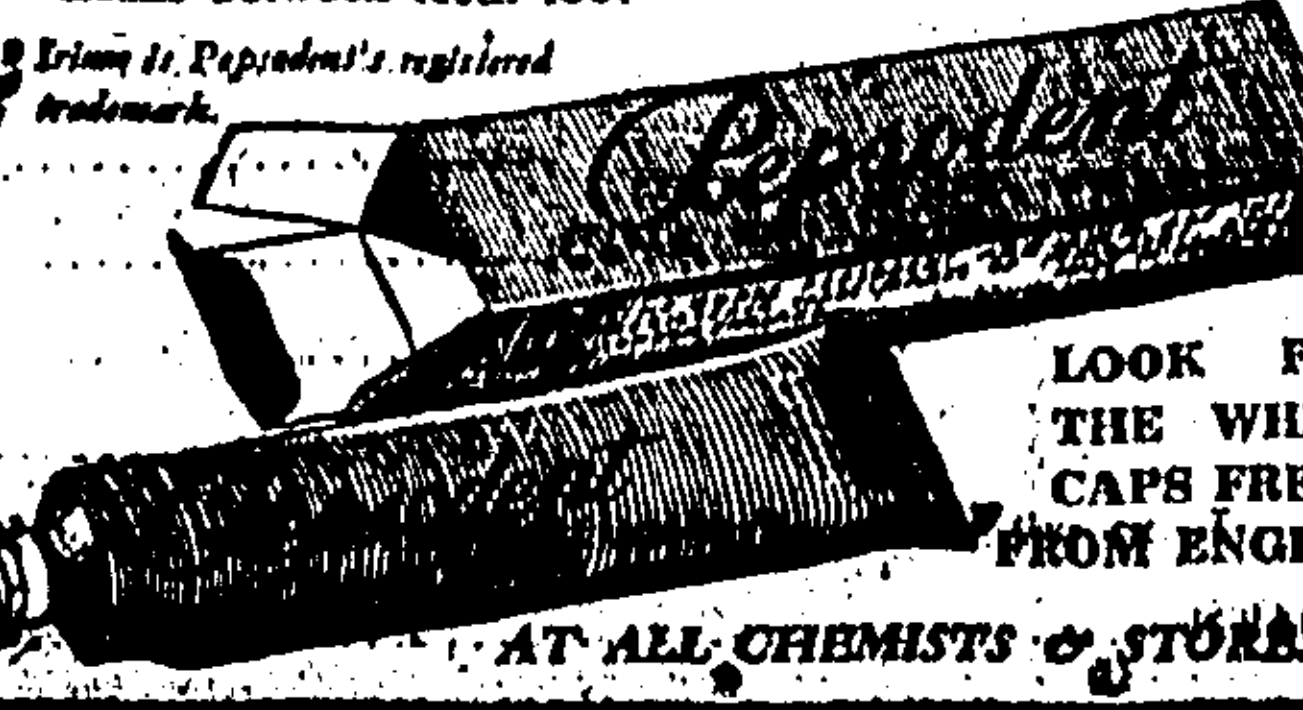
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NOTICE

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 21st April to Thursday 5th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. A. BREMNER, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the undersigned, on Monday, 23rd May, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and electing Directors and Auditors.

Any Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him; a proxy need not also be a Member.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th May to 25th May 1949, inclusive.

By Order of the Board

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

The attention of all Shareholders is drawn to the fact that through unavoidable circumstances the dates during which the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed have been altered, and will now be from the 5th May to 25th May, 1949, inclusive, instead of 10th May to 5th June, 1949, as previously advertised.

By Order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.

Hong Kong, April 21, 1949.

NOTICE

We have pleasure in announcing that Mr. John Dick, has joined this Company, and has been appointed a Director.

DREYER & CO., LTD.

April 21, 1949.

NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF JEAN BAPTISTE ETIENNE RODERICK EGAL late of 154 Austin Road, Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 12th day of May, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1949.

BRUTON & CO.,

Solicitors for the Administrator of the Estate of the abovesaid deceased, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, May 4, 1949 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1949, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD. General Managers.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1949.

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 23rd April, 1949, at Noon, for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 14th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, April 4, 1949.

NOTICE

MR. H. M. PARSONS WILL BE IN CHARGE OF OUR IMPORT DEPARTMENT AS FROM TODAY.

MR. J. DICK HAS NO FURTHER CONNECTION WITH THIS COMPANY AND HIS POWER OF ATTORNEY HAS BEEN REVOKED.

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Those who wish to enrol in a combatant unit of the Hong Kong Defence Force or in its Essential Services Wing, should call at the H.Q. Hong Kong Defence Force, Lower Albert Road, where all enquiries will be answered. Those who elect for the Special Constabulary should call on or after April 19, at 1st floor, Central Police Station.

Those who are able only to offer their services are asked to complete a form of which a copy is printed below and to send it to the Colonial Secretariat. These forms may be obtained either from the Public Relations Office, H. Q. Hong Kong Defence Force or from the Colonial Secretariat. The notes printed on the form will make it clear that signing the forms involves no more than a general offer to help and that those who do so will not be forced into a type of job for which they consider themselves unsuited. They may, of course, be asked to hold themselves in readiness to undertake some particular work when an emergency occurs, and if they agree to do this, it will be open to them to enrol whenever they wish to do so. Or they may simply be listed as a strategic reserve of helpers to whom the Government can turn when more workers are needed than those which the recognised services can provide.

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S J 8 6
H Q 5
D J 9 8 7 3
C J 9 2
S 9 7 3 2
H K 9 8 7
D 2
C A 6 5
3
S 10 4
H A J 10 4 3 2
D A 6
C Q 10 7

(Dealer North. Both sides vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 H	2 H
Pass	1 S	2 H	4 S

Walter L. Pate, veteran of tennis and bridge, gave a fine demonstration on this deal of the qualities which caused him on repeated occasions to be a winning captain of the American Davis Cup team. After the diamond A was scored and the 6 led to the dummy's K, he made a sound plan of campaign, which began with his discarding of the club 3 on the second trick. The fundamental of his effort was to use his own trumps for

rudding out two more diamonds and the dummy's trumps for taking trump tricks. The latter he did on the third and fourth tricks with the spade A and K, then he ruffed the diamond 5 with his spade 7. Back to dummy he went with the club 3 to the K, so he could lead the diamond 10 and ruff it with the spade 9. Now having to reach dummy again, he planned to do it by ruffing a heart. So he led the heart 7, right away from his king, and the 10 won it. Note that he had several chances to lead toward that if he had wished to, but used them to lead diamonds for ruffs. South returned the club 10 to the A. Now the heart 8 was trumped with the spade 4, the spade Q eliminated the J, and the Q won the needed diamond trick, after which he without a qualm gave up the last trick to the club Q.

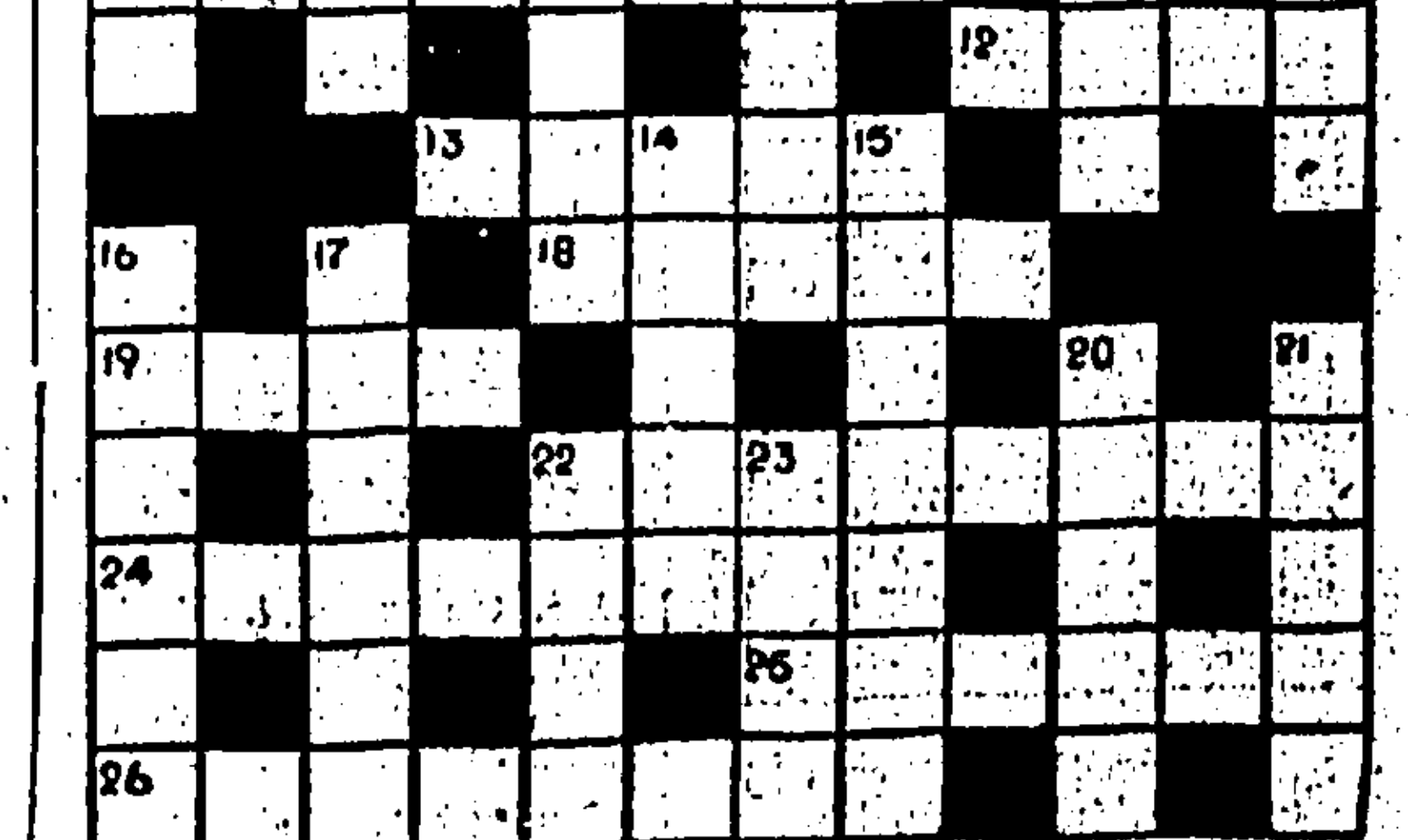
Tomorrow's Problem

SAK 10 4	HAQ 8 5	DAQ 8 5 3	C None
S Q J 8	S 9 7 2	H 3	H J 2
D 10 2	D J 9 7 4	C A K 10	C Q J 9
7 0 3	S 5 3	H K 10 8 7 4	D K 6
	C 8 6 4 2		

(Dealer North. North-South vulnerable.)

If North's 1-Diamond and South's 2-Clubs, how should that bid help Blackwood users to know a grand slam contract is justified?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Cut short.	18 Make dim-
8 Drink.	19 Actual.
9 Very	22 Collected.
hungry.	24 Orgy.
11 Made be-	25 Mild.
loved.	26 Ominous.
12 Nobleman.	
13 Purport.	

Down

1 Niggard.	14 Hot drink.
2 Residence.	15 Cattle thief.
3 Scraped.	16 Disturbance.
4 Carry.	17 Desolate.
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Yesterday's Crossword

Across—5 Customer, 7 Bepis, 8 Romantic, 10 Editor, 12 Re-gular, 13 Iris, 17 Tenders, 18 Control, 20 Ounce, 21 Riposte, 22 Compel, 27 Dissuade, 28 Edict, 29 Endorsed.

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CINEMA WORLD



"April Showers" is the name of the musical which is coming to the Lee Theatre. The picture stars Ann Sothern and Jack Carson.

Raw Deal Is Too Obvious And Shallow

"Raw Deal," now at the Queen's Theatre is just another notch on the long, long line of marauding films and a pretty shallow notch at that.

Tommy O'Keefe is the one who gets the raw deal this time, though it's difficult to understand how he could expect anything else when he mixes in with a bunch of double-crossing gamblers.

The film follows the old, familiar pattern so closely that any one could write the story without even seeing it. Fortunately for the box office however, there are still lots of people who will put up with all this for the sake of a good game of cops and robbers.

Almost all the shots are taken in a dim, mysterious half light, presumably to give that underworld feeling where it is always either dawn or dusk, where smoke obscures the indoors, and fog the wide, open spaces.

In keeping with the general atmosphere, voices are muted, whenever possible, to terse muttering uttered through stiff lips. Accompanying O'Keefe on his flight from justice are two women. One is his faithful sweetheart, Claire Trevor, whose unspoken thoughts provide a running commentary to the story. The other is Marsha Hunt, at first an unwilling hostage, but later dragged into the melee by her own heart strings.

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Dick Powell, as the government agent engaged in trailing the shadowy captain of a Japanese slave ship, plays the most unconvincing role in an otherwise convincing story.

Having started on the trail, he requires far too much unnecessary persuasion from Lam Chai Chow, Chinese Narcotics Commissioner in Shanghai (played by Vladimir Sokoloff) to convince him that the chase is worth continuing.

This attitude is chiefly due to the fact that he has met the mysterious widow of an American engineer, Ann Grant (Signe Hasso), but it is quite out of the character of a hard-bitten government agent that the widow's rather refined and gentle charm should have disarmed his suspicions so quickly.

One of the most shocking scenes ever to be portrayed on the screen is breathtaking in its brevity and lucidity, and it is that underlying authenticity which makes it real. This is the brief moment when the government agent, through his glasses, witnesses the jettisoning of 100 Chinese slaves, bound to a long chain, from a Japanese freighter, off the far-bound coast of San Francisco.

From Shanghai, we follow the trail to secret poppy fields in Egypt and thence track the refined opium on the remainder of its Maylin tour.

Maylin, the exotic young Chinese beauty who makes her debut in this film as Shu Pan Wu, protégée of the American widow, provides the startling finale to a film whose chief criticism is that one or two lighter moments are needed to relieve the suspense.

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It's the title, also, of a new film, which comes to the Roxy next week—"Scudda-Hoo! Scudda-Hay!"

Starring June Haver, Lon McCallister and old-timer Walter Brennan, the picture does not quite live up to expectations, although this should by no means imply that the film is not enjoyable. There are moments of great beauty and majestic outdoor scenes; and again, there are parts where "Scudda-Hoo! Scudda-Hay!" stands sorely in need of an expert script editor.

June Haver this time tries her hand at a straight dramatic role (a phrase usually attached to Hollywood publicity men to any actor or actress who manages to squeeze a tear and look realistic doing it). But lest the male audience, who felt like whistling through other pictures which starred this blonde charmer, feel a bit cheated by the grim implication of a dramatic role, they can relax. June plays half of her scenes in a fifty bit of bathing suit that should send even the most jaundiced wolf howling deep into the night.

As Snug Dominy, who gambles everything on the purchase of a pair of stubborn mules in order to propose to the girl he loves, Lon McCallister has the type of role that suits him best. He turns in a fine performance, ably supported by Walter Brennan and Anne Revere.

"Scudda-Hoo! Scudda-Hay!" is a story of young love. It is at times a tale of violent conflict and of tender emotions and, with the aid of splendid outdoor scenes, manages to entertain for the greater part of the film's running time.

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BRADMAN SPEAKS OUT

Australia's Secret

by Don Bradman



Why does Australia, with its smaller population, boldly challenge England at cricket? Climate has something to do with it. Our boys enjoy so much more of the brighter weather that the game really requires. Consequently they play more cricket than the youngsters in the Old Country.

They have less interference from rain and suffer fewer of the disappointments that may cause a youth's enthusiasm. With greater opportunities for play under bright, cheerful, suitable conditions, cricket gets into the blood more, I would say, than it does in the cooler climate of England.

We have in Australia a population of between seven and eight millions. The youth among them are almost all in the cricket picture, whereas of Britain's 50,000,000 people the proportion of earnest young cricketers is by no means so high.

Is Every Boy A Potential Star?

Has every boy in Britain such opportunities or facilities to play cricket that he can be called a potential Test match player? I would say "No." In Australia the answer is "Yes," as near as matters.

For these reasons cricket in Australia is the national game, and the urge to be the world's best player is not just there every fourth year because Anglo-Australian Test matches are being played. It is there continuously. Can you say that of Britain?

Moreover, in Australia facilities are provided to ensure that natural enthusiasm receives national encouragement to learn to play the game correctly and well.

Where suitable turf pitches are not available concrete wickets are laid down, and boys can learn to bat with confidence and to bowl a length.

I learnt all my cricket on such wickets. I went straight from concrete pitches to inter-state cricket—almost, you might say, into Test cricket.

Would I have had the same chance in Britain? I think not. There are few concrete wickets, far too few.

You cannot take a boy from a bad turf wicket—sometimes in a public park, on a bare piece of earth—and place him in good club cricket, let alone the first-class game.

He has learned the game under the wrong conditions and has so much to unlearn.

From my own experience I can say the laying down of concrete wickets in public parks would be a boon and a blessing to the youngsters of Britain and of all countries with cricket aspirations.

Stars do not grow out of the turf like daisies. They come from constant coaxing and encouragement.

Fewer Amateurs Today

Of course, the war and cessation of county matches have had a harmful effect on English cricket. There is no doubt, too, that the deterioration in economic conditions has taken toll. The amateur, for instance, is not entering the ranks in force as he did before 1914 or even before 1939.

And the amateur, generally speaking, does bring into the game a bright and enthusiastic outlook—an approach that cannot

worry, and it is even probable that another 75—in due course—will pass through the screen and into the Defence Force.

BIF Delegation

The Hong Kong delegation to the British Industries Fair in London are now on their way, with every expectation of increasing still further the colony's post-war reputation as a producer of quality goods. It is anticipated that Home buyers will provide an increasing market for our manufactures as time goes on, and at the BIF will be present representatives of countries all over the world, almost certainly in numbers greater than ever.

Mr. U Tat-chee and the other delegates have a responsible task ahead of them, but in wishing them good fortune we have no doubt of their capabilities to impress and succeed.

he expected of the professional who earns his living at the job.

The colourful history of cricket teems with sparkling amateurs. You may find it difficult to understand that there is no professional cricket in Australia, but I am sure it is one of the reasons for our enthusiasm and love of the game.

The advance of Australia in cricket has been due to inborn keenness developed along the right lines. Encouragement is greater in Australia than in Britain, both for the boy and the young man.

Promotion is more rapid. Skill in youth gets, early opportunity. Clem Hill, Archie Jackson and Neil Harvey have provided grand examples of Australian youth in Test cricket.

Great Players Start Young

Age makes little difference; if we think a youngster has the ability he receives his chance. His financial or other standing in life has no bearing whatever on his selection.

History shows that nearly all our really great players started young.

McCabe was taken to England in 1930 without having scored a century in a first-class match. He was 19. He was chosen for the tour because the selectors were satisfied he was a young man with great ability who must be given opportunity to develop.

Harvey was selected for the last tour with only about two first-class centuries behind him, and any part I have been able to play in Test cricket has been due to similar early promotion.

On the other hand, it does seem that there is a general tendency in England, when things are going amiss, to bring back players who are obviously past their best—an effort to stem the tide by calling on their greater experience.

Our policy can be called the reverse. If we are in trouble, we usually follow the principle that we have to bring in the young fellows. If we lose, we are at least doing something to build for the future.

Our system undoubtedly has paid. Go back to 1928-29 in Australia.

England arrived holding the Ashes and gave us a dreadful beating in the first four matches.

Beaten by 675 runs at Brisbane; a deficit of nearly 400 runs on the first innings at Sydney, where we lost by 8 wickets; another double hundred by Walter Hammond in the next match, at Melbourne, and defeat by 3 wickets; a century in each innings by Hammond at Adelaide and the fourth reverse in a row.

Yet in the fifth Test, at Melbourne, we had Alan Fairfax, Archie Jackson, Tim Wall and myself all being "blooded." And we won by five wickets.

All of us went to England in 1930, plus McCabe. Thus we had the nucleus again of a very good side, with youth in it. And we recaptured the Ashes.

So I think the introduction of youngsters might have been tried to a greater extent by England in 1948 as a set policy, in moderation, of course.

I do not think it was so poor. I regard Alec Bedser as the greatest medium-paced bowler I have ever encountered. He was a fine bowler in Australia in 1946-47, when I compared him favourably with Maurice Tate.

Perhaps I did not meet Maurice at his peak. Anyway, I found Bedser more difficult, and I believe other members of our last team share my opinion that he is the best medium-paced bowler they have met.

One thing I have never been able to understand about Bedser, why he has not produced much

better figures. He bowls well every time and worries the batsman. He beats the bat, yet rarely has the luck to get quick wickets. But I regard him as a better bowler in England than in Australia.

And Dick Pollard bowled remarkably well at Manchester and at Leeds.

So much for pace. Now for spin.

I always maintain that, from a technical point of view, an off-spin bowler like Jim Laker has a much harder job than the leg-spinner. He is turning the body all the time. The batsman's body all the time. The batsman's body all the time.

England suffered this year in bowling was the injury, loss of form, and subsequent omission of Wright.

I have a high opinion of Wright. He is a first-class slow bowler. In good or bad form, he is the type likely to run through a team, especially when the wicket is wearing.

What I Think Of Wright

I rate Wright as the best slow bowler England has had in my time. And at Lord's, in the only Test in which he played last tour, I thought he bowled quite well.

Holmes, who came into the fifth Test team, bowled most impressively, and would have been difficult to handle on that Leeds wicket.

So I was tempted to say to my friend at Leeds: "I think your bowling has been underrated on all sides. You overlook the fact that England have been playing against an exceptionally strong Australian batting side."

Our 1948 team contained some of the finest players of any period. Let me pay tribute to some of the English stars who were about to leave the stage when I "arrived," and to one or two still there.

I came into big cricket just as Jack Hobbs was going out. Therefore I did not see him at his best. But I saw sufficient to realise what a great batsman he had been and, in fact, still was.

Now, sitting at home with my playing career behind me, I am better able to appreciate his artistry. With advancing years limitations prevent one from doing things that one knows how to do but just cannot accomplish.

Hammond Truly Brilliant

Among my regrets is the fact that, though I met Frank Woolley in Test cricket, I never played against him when he was in his prime. I came on the scene too late. Walter Hammond strides across my memories as one of the truly brilliant batsmen. He had tremendous power in his off-drive. There, he was stronger than any batsman I ever saw.

Maurice Tate (medium) and Harold Larwood (fast) I place among the really great English bowlers I encountered.

Performances in England on my last trip enabled me to make a letter comparison between Denis Compton and some of his famous predecessors.

He has wonderful characteristics. He is a glorious, natural cricketer. His style does not always please the purists, but that is because he is a genius. As such, he does things that are unexpected and no one else can copy.

Denis has one weakness he has not yet been able to overcome: his inability to handle the short ball from a fast bowler. Obviously it worried him a lot during the last series.

This flaw was more pronounced in 1948 than in 1938. Maybe the change is due to the war years and his consequent lack of practice against this form of bowling.

Hutton is still a great player, the greatest defensive player of all modern Englishmen, but he

seldom gives rein to his attacking shots these days and he, like Compton, lacks confidence against the fast stuff.

As this was the only time in history an Australian team had gone through an English tour undefeated, it naturally gave rise to much discussion as to whether it was the greatest Australian team of all time. I fancy the subject will be under discussion 20 years hence.

Until 1948, cricket lovers unhesitatingly voted the 1921 Australian team as the best since 1918. Some rated the 1921 side as the best-ever, though older men who knew something of the skill of pre-1914 players hotly disputed that claim.

Best Team Of My Time

I have more sense than to advance opinions on men who played before I was born, but without hesitation I rank our 1948 team as the best with which I have played. Naturally you ask why.

There are many reasons, the greatest of which is the all-round strength of the team compared with the earlier reliance on individual brilliance.

No previous team had more than five batsmen whose batting averages for the tour each exceeded 50. In 1948 we had seven.

We have to go back to 1902 to find any previous team where five men took more than 50 wickets each at an average of less than 20. To find seven bowlers who each got more than 50 wickets—as happened in 1948—we must go back to 1909, the only other occasion in history.

These figures are very significant. But what cannot be measured by figures are such things as brilliant fielding, splendid temperaments, team spirit, courage and the ability to rise to the greatest heights in difficult situations. This is where the 1948 team were pre-eminent.

Undoubtedly there have been other teams stronger than ours in one or two departments, but they had weaknesses we did not possess.

Taking these things into account, I am content to say that only a tremendously strong team could have beaten us, especially at the close of the tour. I am proud to have been a member of such a party.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

Working Conditions In Mines

Pittsburg, April 20. Representatives of 10 nations began a 10-day conference here today to plan an international standardisation of the working conditions for coal miners.

The delegates, including coal owners, labour leaders and Government officials, will make recommendations based on their findings to the International Labour Organisation at Geneva.

The ILO, in turn, will seek to have the recommendations ratified by the 12-member nations in which coal is mined.

At the conference here, sponsored by the ILO's Industrial Committee, each nation is represented by two Government officials, two coal operators and a similar number of labour leaders.

The countries represented are India, Britain, the United States, South Africa, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Denmark and Canada. The conference will discuss protection for young miners working underground; the rehabilitation of disabled miners, and working hours.—Reuter.

A correspondent has found a "tweet" suit is unnecessary in England on his arrival. The first cuckoo had already been clocked in.

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A weary father who won't let his kids ride piggy-back is refusing to shoulder his responsibilities.

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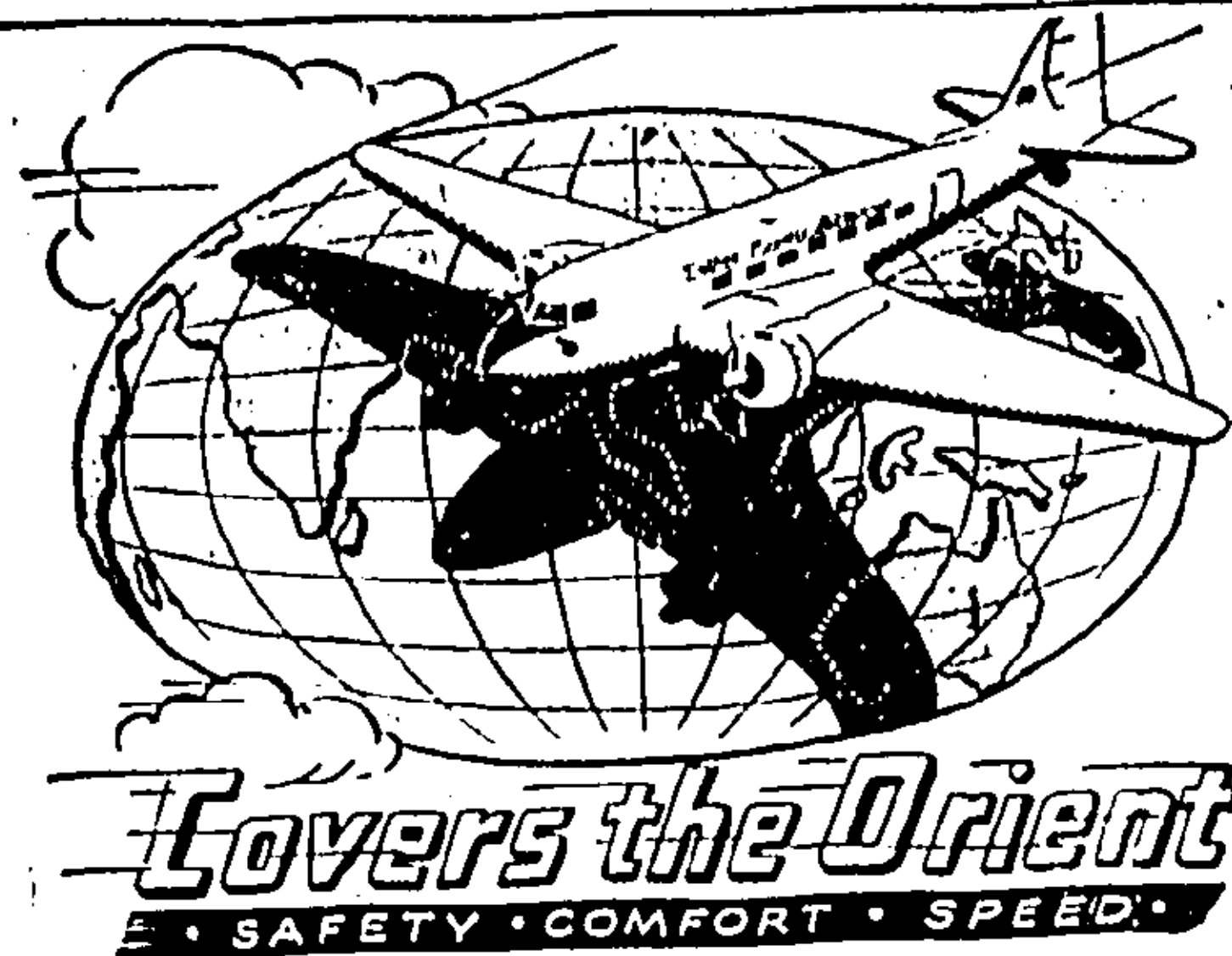
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COLONIALS PARADE IN ANTI-MALAN OUTBURST IN LONDON'S WEST END



DR. MALAN

London, April 20. Police tonight stopped an attempt by African, Indian and colonial demonstrators to burn a life-size effigy of Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, in Trafalgar Square.

The demonstration, directed against the racial policy of the South African Government, began with the shouting of slogans outside the Park Lane hotel where Dr. Malan is staying with his delegation for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

A loudspeaker van ran up and down Park Lane, shouting slogans such as "Down with Malan," "Malan is a Fascist," "Down with the Colour Bar," and "Freedom for Colonial Peoples."

A truck bearing a representation of Dr. Malan and a painted swastika was driven past the demonstration. Demonstrators threw stones at the truck.

Special police reinforcements converged on the hotel as the demonstrators assembled for their demonstration.

Guests at the hotel lined the balconies of the building as about 50 demonstrators spread themselves along the opposite pavement chanting "Malan, the Fascist, is in London, Malan is a Fascist, Malan is a danger to world peace. Stop British support to Malan. Appose Malan! Remember Munich." Similar slogans were paraded on large placards.

The police took the names of some of the demonstrators, and reported if any organisation was behind the demonstration. They were told no particular organisation was responsible. The demonstration passed off peacefully and afterwards the demonstrators made their way to Trafalgar Square, close to Whitehall, with a radio van bearing a life-size effigy of Dr. Malan.

Dadoo Present

In Trafalgar Square, the demonstrators were reinforced by more young men and women. But the police officers waiting there told them that they could not hold a political meeting there on a week-day and that they could not bring the effigy of Dr. Malan, which was on the van, into the square.

For about an hour the demonstrators moved among the crowd of ordinary London sightseers. Taking a prominent part in the action was Dr. Yusuf Mohammed Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress and a South African citizen without a passport. It was announced by the South African Government when he came to Europe last September in the hope of representing the Indians of South Africa at the United Nations Assembly in Paris.

Dr. Dadoo did not make a public speech, and after an hour he went with his supporters to Hyde Park. Before leaving, he told reporters that the demonstration was being held because they felt that Dr. Malan's policy of racial discrimination constituted a menace not only to the non-white peoples of South Africa and, indeed, Africa as a continent, but to the coloured peoples throughout the world.

"Racial Inferno"

"We want to draw world attention to the fact that the present Government of South Africa is leading the Dominions into an inferno of racial conflict," Dr. Dadoo said. "There is a possibility of programs being organised by one race against another. Dr. Malan has come to London and offered the other Dominions his support of the Western Union defence plan and the fight against the Communist bogey in exchange for a free hand to pursue his racial policy within and without the borders of South Africa."

NEW U.S. ENVOY TO MOSCOW

Washington, April 21. Vice-Admiral Alan G. Kirk was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Moscow yesterday.

Admiral Kirk is being transferred from the Ambassadorship to Belgium. He has also been serving as Minister to Luxembourg.

At Moscow, Admiral Kirk succeeds Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, who was relieved recently to take command of the American First Army in New York.

The White House announced President Truman's choice of Admiral Kirk for the Moscow post. —Associated Press.

Missing Ship In New Defection?

Shanghai, April 21. The LST Chung 102, property of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, has been missing since April 13.

It is feared that the 1,600 Chinese troops she was carrying to Fouchow may have commandeered the vessel and defected to the communists.

Marine sources disclose that the LST was not reported although Fouchow is only 450 nautical miles from Shanghai and it takes only two days for the trip.

The China Merchants Steam Navigation Company says it has not received any arrival report from Fouchow and expresses anxiety for the ship and crew members.

Families of the crew are pressing the company and other authorities for some action, but it does not appear that there is much anybody can do.

One waterfront source said there has been a report from Tientsin that the Chung 102 was sighted off Lienyunkang, terminal port of the Lunghai railway in North Kiangsu, and which is in Communist territory.

Australian Attitude On Japan Trade

Canberra, April 20. Mr. John Dedman, Australian Minister of Reconstruction and Defence, said here that nothing has occurred to change Australia's attitude of steadfast opposition to granting Japan "most favoured nation" treatment.

Mr. Dedman was commenting on a statement by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the British Board of Trade, at Annecy, France, on Monday, that most favoured nation treatment for Japan "would, of course, represent a great difficulty for Britain and for many other countries."

The 34-nation Tariff Conference, now in session at Annecy, will shortly discuss an American proposal to accord such treatment to Japan. —Reuter.

New Weapon Being Used In Malaya

Singapore, April 20. Flame-throwers were used for the first time in Malaya's emergency early today in an action near Ipoh, in which five bandits were killed, two of them women. A sixth is believed to have died.

The operation began when police, on information, surrounded a grass-covered hill four miles North of Ipoh and only 200 yards from a main road. Joined later by troops of the Fourth Hussars and security troops, the police first tried to drive the bandits out with hand grenades and later attempted unsuccessfully to set the grass alight with petrol.

A radio SOS was then sent out for flame-throwers. These flushed the bandits into a cordon of police and Hussars. One woman bandit had her hand blown off by the premature explosion of a grenade.

Two chevrons, sown on to her clothing were taken to indicate she was a bandit corporal. One Army officer and one special constable were wounded. —Reuter.

BEVIN RECEIVES EGYPTIAN AND GREEK MINISTERS

London, April 21. The Envoys of Greece and Egypt called on the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, yesterday. The Greek Ambassador, Leon Melas, saw Mr. Bevin first. Later Egypt's Ambassador, Amir-Pasha, called.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Mr. Bevin and Mr. Melas discussed world affairs in general.

Pressed to elaborate, the spokesman said that the subject of mid-Eastern security and strategy may have come up—at least, he said, he does not exclude the possibility.

Also considered, according to Greek diplomatic informants, were the recent Anglo-American exchanges in Washington over the Athens Government's fight against the guerrillas.

Mr. Bevin proposed in the course of these exchanges that the United States should increase its military aid to Greece. In the British view, more aid could be used to strengthen the Greek Army and Air Force to hasten the end of the civil war. But the idea met with a cool reception from the Americans.

No details are available officially of what Mr. Bevin and Amir-Pasha discussed.

Egypt, however, is believed to be anxious to resume the long-ruptured negotiations with Britain for revising the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty of alliance.

Britain, on the other hand, would prefer to defer reviving these talks until after Egypt holds its general elections, due in the Autumn. The British are opposed to the idea of the treaty becoming an election issue and to negotiating with a government party which in a few months may be in opposition.

Turkish Minister

The Foreign Office spokesman said that although no plans have been made yet, it is possible that the Turkish Foreign Minister, Necmeddin Badak, may visit London for talks with Mr. Bevin next month.

The talks will presumably include a survey of the prospects for a Mediterranean pact as well as Turkey's desire to join the proposed Parliament of Europe.

M. Sadak recently visited Washington. He is known to have urged American leaders to take the lead in calling Mediterranean pact talks. Both Sadak and Constantin Taldaris, Greek Foreign Minister, have come out strongly in support of a Mediterranean pact in public statements.

Although vitally interested in Mediterranean stability, the British Foreign Office is not, on the whole, enthusiastic about launching the pact project yet. Usually well-informed officials say privately that the Atlantic pact should be thoroughly operating first. And, they add, the United States should not be asked to bite off more than it can chew in a rearmament programme. —Associated Press.

Appeal To Truman On Indonesia

Washington, April 21. In a letter to President Truman, 23 Republican Senators yesterday urged that he bring pressure to bear within the United Nations to end the Dutch-Indonesian warfare.

The Senators asked Mr. Truman to direct Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, and the U.S. United Nations delegation to take immediate steps necessary to assure United Nations enforcement of its resolution pertaining to the Dutch-Indonesian conflict.

The group referred to the amendment of the Economic Cooperation Administration bill banning aid to any nation against which the United Nations is taking preventative or enforcement action and pointed out that the Senate debate on this measure made it clear that it is the overwhelming expression of the Senate that the Netherlands acted against the interests of world peace and security in the Indonesian dispute. —Associated Press.

BRITAIN SETS WHALE RECORD

Liverpool, April 20. British whalers in four expeditions to the Antarctic topped all other countries in their catches, it was learned when the 15,715-ton whaler factory ship Balena docked here today.

The Balena, with a catch of 2,500 whales in seven months, had the biggest haul among individual vessels.

An expert Norwegian harpoonist, Fin Ellefsen, was in the Balena hospital. The day before the season ended he fell from his harpoon platform and injured his chest. He had already set up a new record by shooting 366 whales.

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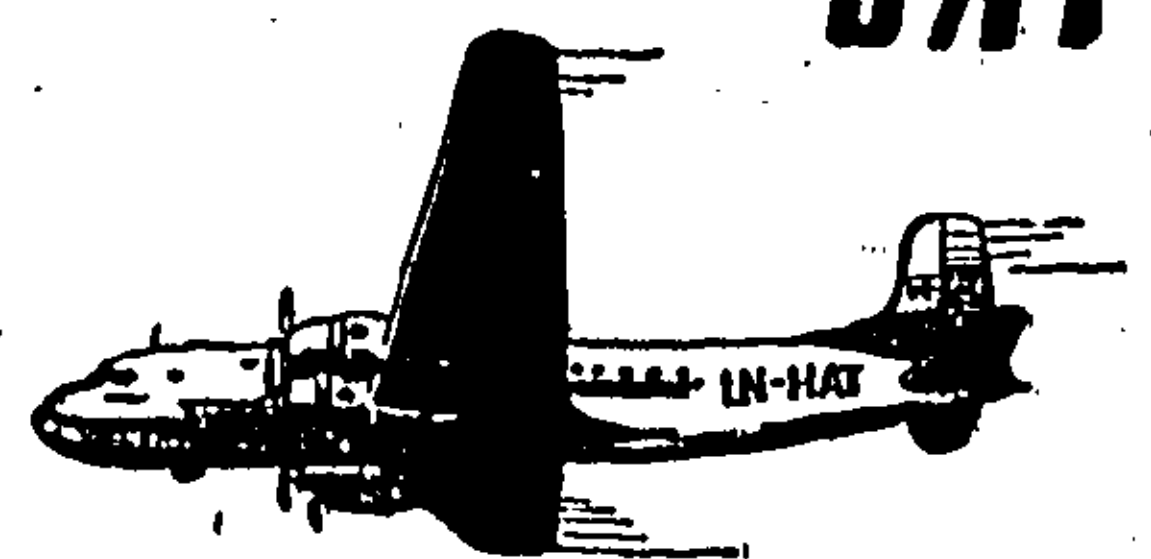
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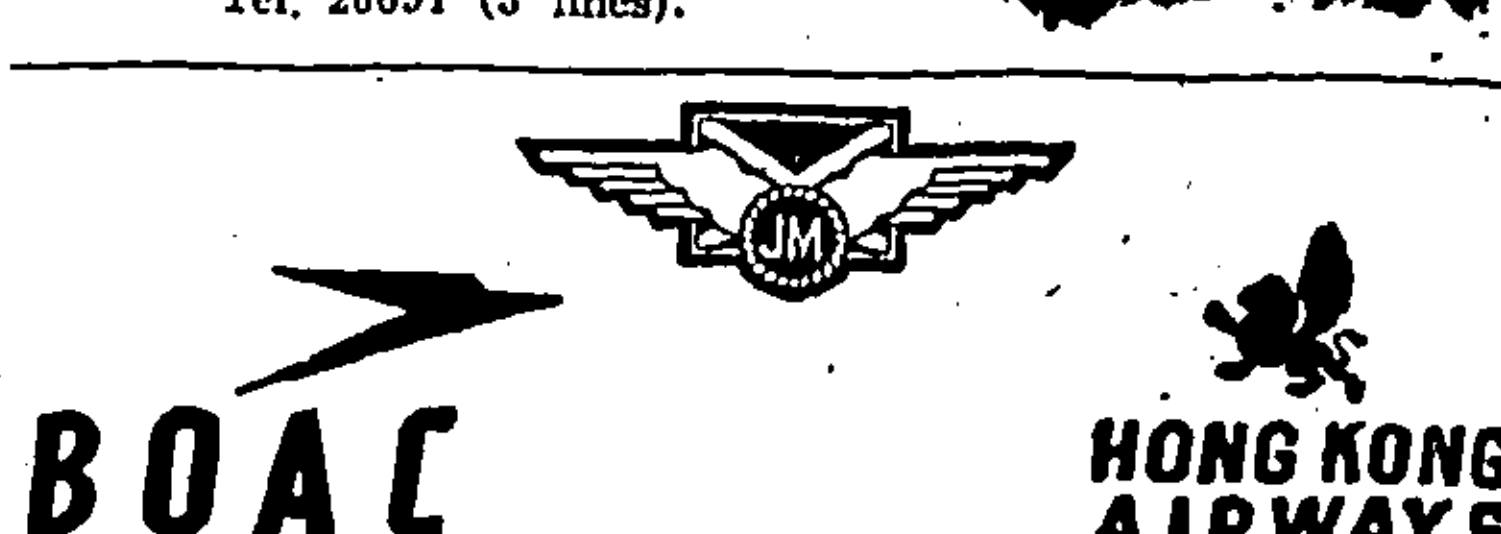
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BIG TOLL IN CHILE QUAKE

Santiago, April 20. Fifty-seven dead and 150 injured are the latest casualty figures from Central Chile, which was shaken by an earthquake during the night.

The disaster was worse than at first thought. The figures so far are approximate, owing to the breakdown of communications in various districts.

Thirty are reported to have died at Talcahuano, where the prison building collapsed. There were five dead and 15 injured at Aysen, 300 miles South of Santiago.

The earth tremors were felt throughout Central and Southern Chile, between Santiago and Magallanes, at the Southern tip of the country.

Twenty-five per cent of the houses collapsed in some places. Most of the casualties occurred in the Temuco area, but nearby Chillan, Concepcion and Los Angeles were also affected. —Reuter.

WAR GAMES IN AMERICAN ZONE

Heidelberg, April 20. American Intelligence Agents disguised as German workmen today stepped up "dummy" sabotage as the United States zone's largest post-war military manoeuvres entered their third day.

References in the exercises, which involve about 70,000 American Occupation troops defending the Zone against an imaginary aggressor, ruled that "saboteurs" had immobilised an army engineering depot at Schweitzingen.

The authorities said at noon that they estimated the defending American forces had suffered 585 theoretical casualties since Monday while the "aggressor" had lost 1,300 troops taken prisoner. —Reuter.

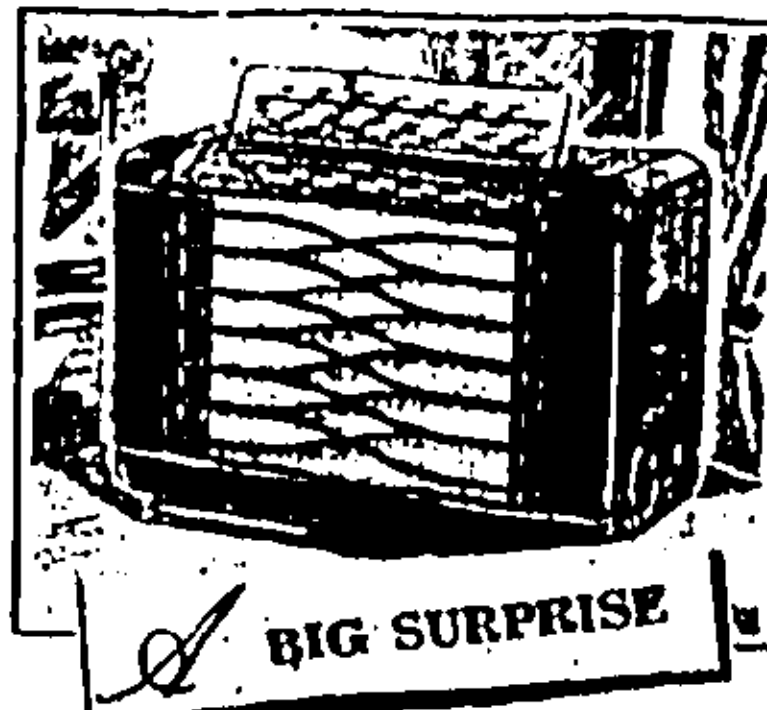
CALCUTTA LOSES GOLD LANDMARK

Calcutta, April 21. Damage estimated at 100,000 Rupees was caused when Calcutta's 32-year-old landmark, the Roundish Hut, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The Hut, run by the Young Men's Christian Association, was formerly a well-known recreational centre for British troops. —Associated Press.

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COMMONWEALTH TALKS OPENING IN MOOD OF CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

London, April 20.

ASIATIC QUOTA PROPOSED

Sydney, April 21.
Professor MacMahon Ball of Melbourne University last night urged the Australian Government to admit Asiatics into the country on a quota system.

Professor Ball, former British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Control Council in Japan, was addressing the convocation of the Standing Committee of Melbourne University.

He said that the immigration of a small number of Asiatics, say 500 yearly, could do no harm to the White Australia policy.

Neither would they present a threat to overrun and overflood the country.

Professor Ball strongly criticised Australia's present immigration policy, which he blamed for its inconsistency, obvious blundering and lack of imagination.

—Associated Press.

Pakistan's Trade With Italy

Rome, April 20.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister, and Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Prime Minister, discussed the possible development of commercial relations between their countries when they met here informally today.

An official Italian announcement said that Signor de Gasperi also told the Pakistan Prime Minister that Italy has no imperialist aspirations towards her former colonies. Her aim is to achieve effective co-operation towards reaching the objective of independence for the African territories, he said.

But he added that Italy's former colonies are an economic necessity to her as well as an outlet for excess manpower.

Shortly after the meeting, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan left Rome with the Australian and New Zealand Prime Ministers, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley and Mr. Peter Fraser, for London, where they are attending the Conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers.—Reuter.

HITLER'S DAY IS FORGOTTEN

Frankfurt, April 20.

Germany's man-in-the-street went about his business today apparently unaware that it was Hitler's birthday.

The general reaction to what would have been the 60th birthday of the dictator was summed up in the words of one German secretary, "So what? He's gone with the wind."

Not a single West German newspaper recalled the anniversary.

In Munich, the Bavarian Military Governor, Murray van Wagoner, turned over Hitler's former conference room in the Nazi Party "Brown House" to the German public for teas or lectures.—Reuter.

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Airliners from the earth's four corners today brought the Commonwealth leaders to London for the momentous talks on co-operation with the future republican India.

The spotlight of world interest is focussed on the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, whose countrymen represent three-fifths of the Commonwealth's 500 million population, and from whom the Commonwealth Prime Ministers await India's own views.

The statesmen are assembling in a mood of optimism, though it is recognized that the solution of the constitutional problem before them may involve major decisions in the present conception of Commonwealth relations.

Mr. Nehru who arrived tonight, has come uncommitted to any future plan. Recently he denied reports that something had already been arranged for India to remain part of the Commonwealth.

Speaking at Bihar, he said it is just possible that the Commonwealth might be so shaped as to permit India's continuance without compromising her independent status in any way. "It is also possible that it may not be so," he added.

The other Commonwealth statesmen are equally uncommitted to any formula for future co-operation, but they will approach their search for a solution with open minds, and with cordial feelings toward India.

What little comment has been made on the forthcoming Conference has been extremely guarded, but preliminary Commonwealth reactions are clearly hopeful.

Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, on his departure for the Conference, said: "We want India to remain in the Commonwealth. We hope it will be found possible for India to be on the same basis as the rest of the Commonwealth nations."

Aussies Anxious

Canada is believed to be making a broadminded approach to the problem. It is thought that she will consider sympathetically some arrangement based on understood relations falling in general agreement on a more rigid formula.

Australia is known to be anxious to see India continue her important contribution to Commonwealth affairs. Though she regards the Crown as her own vital link with the Commonwealth, she will not, it is considered, regard another country's inability to accept this precise link as an insuperable barrier to her continued co-operation.

Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, has indicated that he considers Republican status and Commonwealth association not incompatible.

Several of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are said to have brought with them individual proposals which may help the Conference in its search for a solution of the problem. But first they are likely to await Pandit Nehru's indication of India's ideas, which may well set the course of the discussions.

London, bathed in sunlight, was tonight the scene of intensive pre-Conference activity, as the visiting statesmen, who have already arrived, sped to and from engagements in official cars, the flags of the Commonwealth.

Mob Violence In Calcutta

Calcutta, April 20.

An angry mob today stoned an unidentified beggar to death in the native quarter here as a climax to a baby-kidnapping scare.

For the past few weeks the city has been alive with rumours that a band of kidnapers is operating in the native quarter, stealing children, selling girls to brothels and maiming young boys and selling them for professional beggars.

Before the mob fury was spent, the crowd had beat two other unidentified men and descended upon 14 men and women in a nearby gypsy encampment.—United Press.

British Goodwill For Malaya

London, April 20.

An immense fund of goodwill exists in Britain towards the people of Malaya, Lord Mansfield, Conservative peer who visited Malaya, told the City of London Young Conservatives today.

"It is our intention to welcome them into the British Commonwealth as free independent and self-governing Dominion," he said.

"The date of their entry is dependent upon their own progress in the difficult art of self-government, there can be no doubt as to Great Britain's intentions."

"The peoples of Malaya will be acting in their best interests if they make it clear beyond all doubt that they will, on attaining Dominion status, reinforce their present ties with Great Britain."

"These ties are, have been, and will be of the greatest benefit to both countries. Malaya will need British brains, energy and experience for many years to come."—Reuter.

WORLD HARVEST OF RICE SAID BEST SINCE WAR

Washington, April 20.

The Department of Agriculture today estimated that the world rice harvest for August, 1948 to July, 1949 will be the largest since the war—approximately 117.7 million short tons.

The Department said this is almost six per cent above the preceding year and about the same as 1935-39 average.

It said the 117.7 million figure is in terms of milled rice (7,470,000,000 bushels of rough rice) compared with 11.2 million tons (7,000,000,000 bushels) in 1947-48.

"Supplies for export in 1949 are estimated at only a little larger than 4,000,000 tons for 1948," the Agriculture Department said.

"They are only about one-half of pre-war exports of 8.7 million tons, which included shipments from Formosa to China."

"The slight increase in exportable supplies over last year is due to larger production in the exporting countries of Asia, primarily Siam, and unexpectedly larger stocks carried over from the preceding year."

"Actual exports during 1949 depend to some extent on the political situation, particularly in Burma."—United Press.

Burmese Factions Plan New Action

Rangoon, April 20.

Leaders of the three-Burmese rebel organisations—the White Band members of the People's Volunteer Organisation, the "Red Flag" Communists and "White Flag"—have held an important conference to discuss extended joint action.

According to reports, the three respective leaders—Bo Po Kun, Thakin Soe and Thakin Than Thun—met at Prome, a communications centre 160 miles North of Rangoon, to discuss means for extending their joint activities, and plans for a district-wide recruitment to the rebel forces.

The Indian Communist leader, Goshal, "lieutenant" of Thakin Than Thun, also took part in the discussions, it is reported.

Burmese Government forces yesterday issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the "White Band" insurgents inside Mandalay to come outside the city and face them in battle. The White Band Volunteers, the largest part of the military section of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, were expelled from the League last August when they joined the "White Flag" Communists in revolt against Thakin Nu's Government.

The "Red Flag" Communists have been described as a "Trotskyite" Radical Communist group.

Both Thakin Than Thun and Goshal, who have been at large since last year, are believed to have established their headquarters in Central Burma to direct the Communist revolt against the Government.

Thakin Soe, chief of the banned "Red Flag" Communist Party, was arrested in March, 1948, after evading capture for more than a year. He was detained in the Tharrawaddy Gaoi until the rebels occupied the town, 70 miles North West of Rangoon, on April 8 this year.

Post Surrenders

Travellers arriving here said there is an acute food shortage in Prome, with soaring prices. Most buildings in the town were gutted in a recent fire.

Frightened To Summon A Doctor

Champaign, Illinois, April 21.

A Chinese student's wife, alone and too frightened to call a doctor, gave birth to triplets yesterday. All the babies died.

The father, Chia Yung-chien, was away studying. When he returned he found his wife in bed with the three babies. He called a doctor. One baby was dead on arrival at a hospital and the others died within a few hours.

Chen said his wife speaks little English. He is shy and was too frightened to call a doctor in his absence.

Chen is a graduate student in chemical engineering. He has been at the University of Chicago two years. His wife joined him on the campus last winter.—Associated Press.

BRIGADIER TAKEN PRISONER

Athens, April 20.

Rebel forces wounded and captured Greek Brigadier Mavropoulos in an attack on Monday night on the garrison at Lidoriki.

Reports from the front said the guerrillas were thrown back, leaving 14 dead and 23 prisoners. Mavropoulos commanded the Lidoriki garrison, about 40 miles South West of Delphi.—United Press.

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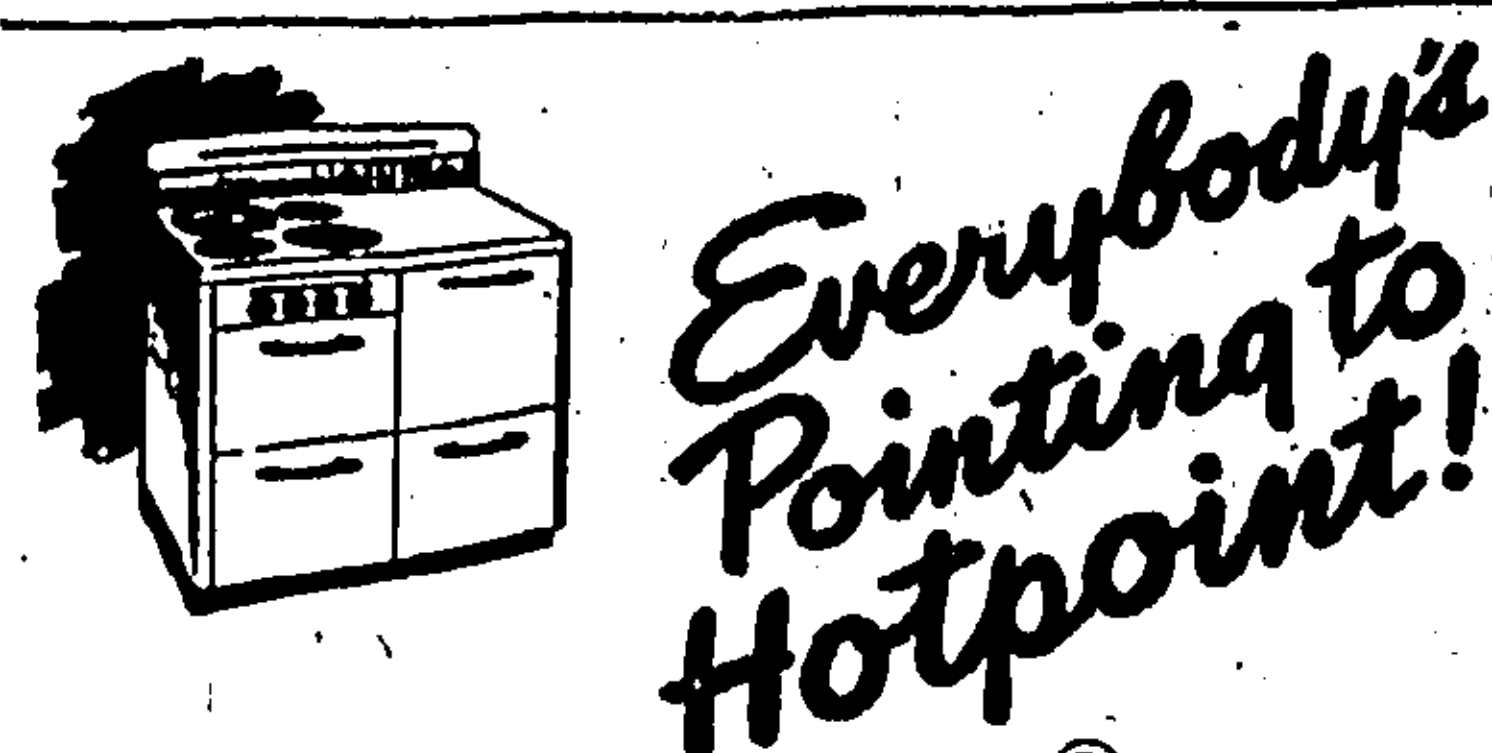
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Argentine Attack On Britain

Buenos Aires, April 20.
With the Anglo-Argentine
trade negotiations at a stand-
still and no meeting fixed for
the remainder of the week, two
Peronist morning newspapers
today attacked Britain for its
meat price proposal.

"El Laborista" said: "The British
are wrong if they think it
will be easy for us to swallow
their pill. Everybody knows
there is no possibility of an im-
mediate agreement and if Britain
will not pay a fair, just price,
we will keep our meat; we will
find buyers and, if not, we will
eat it. And the British will learn
through sad experience that it is
better to die of meat indigestion
than starve."

"El Lider" claims that Argenti-
na can lay off the British meat
demand immediately as there is great
demand from other countries,
especially neighbours, and domestic
consumption is increasing.—
United Press.

Arab Plans For Greater Syria State

London, April 20.
The Arab Offices in London
and Washington, representing
the Arab League, will push the
idea of Greater Syria in their
propaganda in future.

The decision is taken by Mid-
dle East experts here as indicat-
ing that the union of Iraq, Syria,
the Lebanon, Transjordan and
Arab Palestine is no longer merely
a pet project or dream only of
King Abdullah of Transjordan.
In past weeks there has been in-
creasing support among other
Arab leaders for Greater Syria.
The London Arab Office, tak-
ing the lead in pushing the
Greater Syria plan, has devoted
an entire issue of its news bul-
letin to a summary of a book
about the possible unity of the
Arab nations. The book was
written by Musa Alami, director
of the Arab London Office.—
United Press.

STRIKE RIOTING

Buenos Aires, April 20.
Striking workers at Salta, the
Northern Argentine provincial
capital, where four people have
been killed and 30 wounded in
rioting, today decided to end
their stoppage at midnight to-
night.
The rioting began on Monday
night after the provincial branch
of the Argentine General Con-
federation of Labour had called
a general strike.—Reuter.

Rome, April 20.
Police charged an angry crowd
of more than 500 unemployed
farm workers demonstrating out-
side the Town Hall of Cellino San
Marco, near Brindisi, today, in-
juring a number of people.—Reuter.

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Paris, April 20.
The Italian Left-wing Socialist leader, Pietro Nenni,
told the 1,500 delegates at the 59-nation World
Congress for Peace here today: "To a new war
we will respond by an uprising of all peoples."
He added: "The Congress is determined to achieve
peace by all means."

Professor John D. Bernal,
British physicist and Vice-Pres-
ident of the Preparatory Com-
mittee, presided at the after-
noon session.

The Negro singer, Paul Robe-
son, was invited to become one
of the chairmen.
"This Congress," Signor Nenni
said, "gives to the people of the
world the choice between peace
and collective security or war
and false security in the arma-
ments race, which is the policy
of the men and governments of
the Atlantic Pact."
"The Italian workers are de-
termined to fight against Italy
becoming a forward base, a bat-
tlefield or an aircraft carrier for
the capitalist imperialists."

"If war is a political matter
before it becomes a military
fact, we are forced to note
that in the last two weeks polit-
ical headquarters for a third
world war have been set up,"
he added.

Robeson Speech

Yves Farge, former French
Food Minister, said that those
who are preparing another war
should take heed of the Nurem-
berg trials of war criminals.
Mr. D. N. Pritt, K. C., British
Member of Parliament, read a
message of greeting to the Con-
gress from Lazard Cardenas, ex-
President of Mexico.

Paul Robeson told the Congress
that he is glad to say "hello"
again to all those determined to
fight for peace and a better
world.

The American negroes want
peace, Robeson said, for another
war would take them back to
slavery.
Robeson announced that he is
going back by air to New York
to give evidence for the 12 Amer-
ican Communist leaders now
on trial there.

Then the famous singer sang
four revolutionary songs: "The
Four Insurgent Generals" (in
Spanish), "Joe Hill" (an American
song).

Air Safety Discussions

London, April 20.
Delegates from 19 nations
met today at a conference of
the United Nations Interna-
tional Civil Aviation Organisa-
tion, called to further inter-
national co-operation in safety
measures.

The conference has to consider
the renewal of the present net-
work of 13 meteorological sta-
tions in the North Atlantic, the
cost of which is borne by 10 na-
tions using the North Atlantic air
routes.

Among the nations represented
are the United States, Britain,
Canada, France, The Netherlands,
Sweden, Norway, Denmark,
Switzerland, Eire, Belgium,
Portugal, Greece, Italy, Turkey
and Iraq.

The leader of the British dele-
gation, Sir Frederick Tymms, was
elected President of the confer-
ence, which is expected to end
on Friday morning.—Reuter.



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GERMAN PREMIER GETS DUTCH COLD SHOULDER

The Hague, April 20.

Dr. Karl Arnold, Prime Minister of North Rhine-
Westphalia, has failed in his visit to Holland
to win support for his request that the planned
frontier changes be temporarily abandoned.

Usually reliable sources here said this today.
Dr. Arnold had numerous talks with political leaders be-
fore the First Chamber debate
on the Dutch-German frontier
rectifications opened this after-
noon. Political circles here say
that Dr. Arnold created a bad
impression by visiting Holland
uninvited. They declare that
he came without informing the
Dutch Government.

Political leaders have suspect-
ed him of coming to take ad-
vantage of the known Dutch dis-
sension over the changes, and the
Dutch press generally has given
him a very cool reception. Dr.
Arnold came here on April 15.

Few people in Holland really
want these frontier changes now.
They consider them too small
and nigardly to meet the case.
But the German Premier's last-
minute intervention is greatly
resented in all quarters, and the
visit is thought likely to win
increased support for the Govern-
ment.

German Minority

Spirited opposition marked
the early stages of the debate
in the First Chamber this
afternoon.
A Labour Member, Mr.
Brongersma, supported the draft
bill "reluctantly" and "in spite of
its many difficulties and the

smallness of the corrections."
Dr. L. J. C. Benjot, of the
Catholic People's Party, said the
majority of his party would not
support the proposals because
they do not like the idea of 10-
000 Germans being incorporated
into Holland.
He suggested the plan should
be postponed to bring Holland in-
to line with the attitude of Bel-
gium and Luxembourg.—Reuter.

Better Feeling Towards Japan

Tokyo, April 21.

The Prime Minister, Shigeru
Yoshida, believes the interna-
tional situation is steadily
developing in favour of Japan.
The Government leader gave
this opinion yesterday at a meet-
ing of the Lower House Commis-
sion on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Yoshida referred specifical-
ly to Austria and New Zealand,
where, he said, anti-Japanese feel-
ing appears to be lessening.

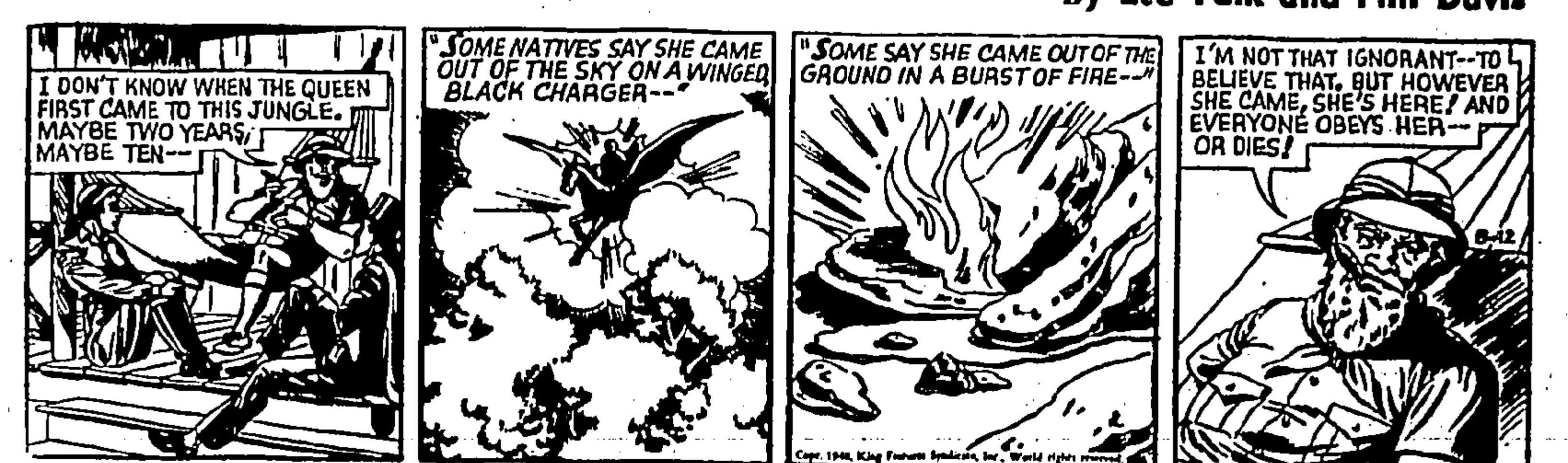
The Premier based his observa-
tions on a recent talk with an
Australian representative who,
Mr. Yoshida said, has just return-
ed to Japan from a visit home.—
Associated Press.

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"FOYANG"	Takao, Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 29th Apr.
"FOOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	8th May

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"ANHUI"	Swatow & Amoy	22nd Apr.
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"FOYANG"	Tientsin & Inchon	25th Apr.
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"SOOCHOW"	Japan	23rd May

Arrivals from

"SHANSI"	Australia & Manila	In port
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Brisbane	3 p.m. 22nd Apr.
"SOOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	18th May

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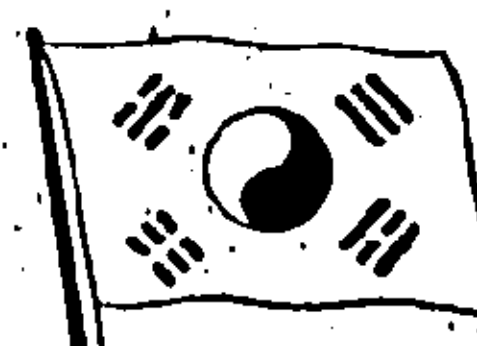
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AMERICAN CHARGED

An American merchant was charged at Central yesterday with failing to furnish particulars to the Registrar of Aliens, to report to the Immigration Authority within 48 hours and to report change of address.

Samuel Wirt High, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. defendant, was represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths.

After a successful submission by Mr. Griffiths, Inspector Lines withdrew the third charge—failing to report change of address.

Speaking on behalf of defendant Mr. Griffiths said that to change an address one must have a residence. Though defendant upon his arrival gave YMCA Kowloon as his address he had never stayed there. Technically speaking his address was not YMCA Kowloon.

Defendant arrived here from Canton on April 2. Upon arrival he was told to report to the Immigration Office the following day, April 3, Sunday. He said that he had to go to church on Sunday. Then he was told to report to the Immigration Office on April 4. He did not do so. Afterwards he was located at the Church Guest's House.

He was remanded until April 27.

Thief Gets 15 Months

A thief of automobile spare parts was sentenced to one year and three months' imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Fung Yim-sun, aged 29, was charged with possessing tools for larceny, attempted larceny and larceny on five counts. Police said that defendant specialised in thefts of car parts and had been operating in the Tsimshatsui area for too long a period.

As a result of his arrest two marine dealers, one unlicensed, were arrested.

Cheung Sun, aged 16, who claimed to be shop keeper of a marine dealer's store at 890 Canton Road, was charged with receiving stolen articles from first defendant.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Fung Wei, who admitted that he was unlicensed and had bought from first defendant stolen articles, was fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment.

First defendant was arrested by a civilian when he was seen attempting to steal a rear lamp from a parked car behind the Kowloon Post Office.

Fined For Not Paying Fares

Three Chinese youths came before Mr. Chin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to answer the charge of evading payment of tram fares, they were each fined \$30.

They were Yum Shi, aged 21, a plumber of Taihook Dockyard, Wong Man-sheung, aged 17, student, and an apprentice, Leo aged 17.

The prosecution stated that defendants boarded trams on Wednesday, and made no effort to pay fares.

SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING ARMS

The maximum penalty of three years' hard labour was passed on three men for being in possession of arms, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI Brown, prosecuting, asked for a serious view to be taken of the case. Defendants were Woo Kap, aged 26, Yeung Yuen, aged 26, and Lo Chiu-kan, aged 25. They will all be deported.

CHINESE PLAN FOR ITALIAN COLONIES

Lake Success, April 21.

China today produced a plan for disposing of the former Italian colonies similar in some respects to the Russian plan.

Before the General Assembly's main Political Committee, Dr. Wellington Koo (China) said the Italian colonies question offers an opportunity to implement an important chapter of the United Nations cause.

China had withheld an expression of opinion until it had heard the views of other delegations in order to make a strictly objective approach to the question, he said.

Dr. Koo observed that, while many delegates favour 'single-power trusteeship for each of the territories concerned, there is little agreement regarding details. He then proposed UN trusteeship for the Italian colonies, with the exception of a portion of Eastern Eritrea which, he said, should be annexed by Ethiopia since its inhabitants are of Ethiopian race and culture.

Dr. Koo suggested: 1. UN trusteeship over Cyrenaica, Tripolitania, the Fezzan part of Eritrea not annexed by Ethiopia, and Somaliland.

2. The Trusteeship Council to nominate an administrator for each territory for the General Assembly's consideration.

Limited Period

3. An advisory council of five or seven members be named to assist the administrator, for each colony to include two or three representatives of the indigenous population and one or two representatives of countries experienced in administration of that particular territory, including Italy.

4. Trusteeship for Libya to be of a limited period followed by independence, if immediate independence is not considered feasible; a review of trusteeship over Eritrea after five years; Somaliland after 10 years, with a view to arriving at a decision for independence or other arrangements in accordance with the freely-expressed will of the people of the territory.

The Committee concluded its preliminary discussion of the Italian Colonies question with 20 many conflicting proposals, the disposal of which it appears increasingly unlikely that a two-thirds vote, necessary for final action, can be achieved at this session of the Assembly—United Press.

Divan Keepers Sentenced

Charged with keeping a heroin divan, possessing two heroin pipes and 330 heroin pills, Ko Sam of 108 Shanghai Street, first floor, was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment with hard labour and recommended for deportation by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was arrested on April 13, when the police raided his divan.

Earlier in the morning nine opium smokers were fined by Mr. J. Wicks for smoking opium in a divan.

Five of the smokers were fined \$250 each, three were fined \$250 each on eight weeks and one who was not present in court had his bail of \$500 forfeited.

The smokers were arrested during a raid at 46A Reclamation Street, second floor.

The keeper of the divan, Tam Koon-cho, was also arrested and he was charged with keeping a heroin divan, possessing heroin pipes and 186 heroin pills.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, the case against the keeper was remanded for seven days.

ILLEGAL PRACTISING

For practising medicine without licence, a widow, Pun Ho-sing, aged 32, was fined \$200 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

Visiting a massage hall on April 13, Sub-Inspector Davis saw defendant giving an injection to a Chinese man.

Defendant admitted that she was unlicensed.

Around The Harbour

Two steamers brought soldiers to Hong Kong yesterday from Singapore and Canton. The Maxwell Brander (RASC) disembarked 50 Servicemen and 275 tons of military stores. She is stationed at Singapore. Coming from Canton, the Chinese steamer, Tien Shan arrived with 37 tons of stores and 40 soldiers among her 110 passengers.

On or about April 22, Elliot Barrier buoys will be shifted as follows:

15 metres Westward and North and South East buoys to 15 metres Eastward.

The width of the channel will remain unchanged, according to an official advice from the Canton Commissioner of Customs.

A dredger will work in the present positions of the buoys.

The Portuguese steamer Wuh Chang arrived from Chefoo with 14163 packages of Chinese medicine, fresh eggs, pig's bristles and groundnuts.

She left the Red-held port on April 15 and was delayed by fog outside local waters.

The salvage tug, Frosty Moller, reported striking an uncharted submerged obstruction in the given positions—Lat. 20 degrees 3 minutes and 48 seconds N and Long. 110 degrees 48 minutes and 58 seconds E.

The tug went to Hainan to help in the rescue operations of the Canonbar and Mui Lee.

The Panamanian vessel Canonbar ran aground while taking milk to Hoihow. The Mui Lee was blown ashore by a typhoon last year.

Both arrived here last week.

The arrival of the ss. Shansi yesterday marked a happy reunion of a well-known local family.

At Kowloon Wharf to welcome home Davis Rids were his father, Professor L. T. Ride of the Hong Kong University, his sisters, Elizabeth and Doris, and an old family friend, Mr. F. Lee of Ta Hing Shipping Company.

Young Rids has been away since 1938. He served in the Army during the last war.

Boarding the Butterfield and Swire steamer at Manila were a newly-married couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford, who embarked the day after their marriage.

Among the passengers were Mr. A. H. Falconer, a film producer, Mr. A. Pappadopoulos, Greek Consul, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Godfrey and children.

There were 12 Chinese passengers.

The cargo, totalling about 2,000 tons, comprised mainly fruits, condensed milk and butter.

The Shansi came from Sydney.

Norwegian Seaman Fined

A Norwegian bosun was charged at Kowloon yesterday with assaulting a ricksha coolie by breaking the coolie's right arm and being drunk in a public place.

Kjell Ahmer, aged 29, was fined \$50 for assaulting and \$25 for being drunk.

He was also ordered to be bound over in a sum of \$200 for one year.

The court further ordered him to pay the ricksha coolie \$275 as compensation.

Defendant was arrested in the small hours of April 18, in front of the Red Lion Bar at Hankow Road.

He alleged that the coolie had stolen his wrist watch and more than \$200.

False Alarm At Roxy Theatre

When the audience at the Roxy Theatre were about to enjoy the picture, "The Walls of Jericho", at 9.45 p.m. last night, the main fuse box in the switch control room at the rear of the theatre caught fire.

Electricians tried to make instant repairs but failed. Two fire appliances were summoned, and the switch was disconnected with rubber gloves.

Later, money was refunded to ticket-holders.

The management announced that there will be no shows until further notices.

Those who have booked in advance may call at the theatre to get refunded.

Junk Thieves Sentenced

Two men who stole a junk from the Yaumai Typhoon Shelter and brought it to Castle Peak district were charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Cham Mok was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and Chan Luk-chan, who had previous convictions for housebreaking and larceny, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labour.

Both defendants were also recommended to be deported.

The case against defendants was that between April 10 and 12, 1947, they stole a junk numbered 1207V from Yaumai Typhoon Shelter and sailed it to Castle Peak district where they were arrested by police.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22

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Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Hoihow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

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Arrivals	Sailings	
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Arrivals	Sailings	
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